

# REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending December 31, 1880.

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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1880-1881.

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### *Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.*

DANIEL NORTON, JUN.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

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### *Town Clerk.*

JOHN LARRABEE.

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### *Treasurer.*

GEORGE NEWHALL

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### *Collector.*

MOSES BRIGGS.

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### *Assessors.*

GEORGE C. STANTIAL.

JAMES C. CURRIER.

DEXTER PRATT.

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### *Water Commissioners.*

JOSEPH D. WILDE, <i>Chairman.</i>	Term expires 1881.
W. IRVING ELLIS . . . .	" " 1882.
JOSEPH R. SIMONDS . . . .	" " 1883.

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### *Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.*

DANIEL RUSSELL, <i>Chairman.</i>	Term expires 1881.
ROYAL P. BARRY . . . .	" " 1883.
JOHN W. FARWELL . . . .	" " 1882.

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### *School Committee.*

CLIFTON FLETCHER, <i>Chairman.</i>	Term expires 1883.
LOUIS E. ROBSON . . . .	" " 1881.
JULIUS S. CLARK . . . .	" " 1882.
MRS. MARIETTA M. W. SEAVER, <i>Sec'y</i>	" " 1883.
MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT, . .	" " 1882.
MRS. B. F. BRADBURY . . . .	" " 1881.

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MISS PHOEBE A. NORRIS (resigned.)

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### *Highway Surveyor.*

AMOS WILBUR LYNDE.

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### *Trustees of the Public Library.*

FREDERIC KIDDER.	ELBRIDGE H. GOSS.	CHARLES C. BARRY.
HANNAH LYNDE.	ADDIE A. NICHOLS.	

## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1880-1881.

*Auditors.*

JOHN R. NORTON.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

ERNEST MENDUM,

*Constable.*

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

*Representative in the General Court.*

B. MARVIN FERNALD.

*Engineers of the Fire Department.*F. EDWARD HOWE, *Chief*.

L. FRANK HINCKLEY.

JOSEPH R. SIMONDS.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.*

SETH E. BENSON.

JAMES D. LITTLEFIELD.

*Measurer of Wood and Bark.*

AARON GREEN.

*Surveyor of Lumber.*

HENRY A. LEONARD.

*Lock-up Keeper.*

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

*Committee on Cemeteries.*

GEORGE NEWHALL.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

JOHN LARRABEE.

*Field-Drivers.*

OTIS HOWARD.

HORACE W. CUSHMAN.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

*Fence-Viewers.*

AARON GREEN.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

*Police Officers.*

A. B. PIERCE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

H. B. NEWHALL.

AMMI C. CHICK.

J. D. LITTLEFIELD.

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

H. W. CUSHMAN.

HENRY ROBINSON.

ANDREW J. BODGE.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

*Special Police.*

WALTER B. ELLIS. JEREMIAH FISHER. EDWARD P. FULLER.

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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen herewith submit their Annual Report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1880.

### Poor.

We have always felt that a public discussion of the pauper laws, or of the inner workings of this department as connected with our town, was unwise. Justice to ourselves has sometimes prompted us to enter more minutely into the details of our management of this fund, but we have always declined to do so in these reports, knowing that it would involve an exposure of the chances, and the defective points of assault in this department, to the knowledge of the crafty, who are always watching for opportunities, and who are making their arrangements, year by year, to get at this fund, if possible to do so.

Our *own* vindication against the charges, which are not infrequently made, of our want of economy, is of very small importance compared with the interests of the town that would be jeopardized by such an exposure.

In calling for an appropriation of \$4000 at our March meeting, we were confident that such a sum would be sufficient to meet all the expenses for the year.

Encouraged by the more promising prospect for business, we ventured to predict, that it *must* bring us relief in the Temporary Aid Department, at least, and so set ourselves carefully to keep our expenses within the above sum. Our predictions have been verified in respect to this class of our poor,—and this only,—there having been sixty-seven temporarily aided, against eighty the previous year. With this slight improvement, we regret to report increased expenses in directions which no effort of ours could prevent,

or even the better times avert. We refer to the much larger expense of the Insane, and to the increase of the aged and helpless fully-supported poor. Of the former class there have been three more of the persistent Insane maintained at the Asylums than were *ever* reported by this town, and which has increased the cost in this department, by this class alone, to nearly five hundred dollars above that of last year. It is a notable fact that Insanity is rapidly increasing in this country, until it has become a serious problem with philanthropists, and the commiserators of this class of unfortunates, how to learn its causes and arrest its progress. There are at present nine in the Hospitals for the Insane, one having been recently discharged, and two for whom the town is reimbursed.

There have been four persons transferred from those partially supported to the full support list. This has been caused by their declining health and their old age, thus making fifteen fully supported, against eleven as reported on the previous year. Of this number two are over eighty, eight are over seventy, and three over sixty years of age. Of the other two, one is deaf, dumb and idiotic, the other is a child who was forsaken by an abandoned mother. There has been one person discharged from the full support list who has been aided by this town for many years.

It is a matter of regret that so many of the kindred are unable to reimburse the town for the support of their own poor. With all such, we are sure that the citizens sincerely sympathize, and cheerfully share their means, but for those who are able to maintain their own, but avail themselves of our humane laws to escape their moral obligations, and thus subject the poor, hard-working mechanics and laborers of our town to an increased taxation to support such, it is simply contemptible. If any are to be disfranchised by the operation of the pauper laws, we could wish it were only those who having the means, refuse to prevent their own nearest of kin from becoming town paupers. The law is explicit as to the disposal of the Insane. Upon the application of two regular physicians, the Selectmen must notify the Judge of the District, who orders a hearing, and a committal to the Asylum if he is satisfied that the patient is dangerously affected. The Selectmen are as powerless in these cases as any other persons, and for any to plead, that because the Selectmen have committed theirs to the Insane



Retreat they may support them, is only a pretext to avoid the very *small* expense which the State has graciously imposed. This proves to be an extremely hard winter for poor people. The excessive cold makes a large consumption of fuel necessary; the prices of fuel are higher than last year, and there is the usual complaint of a scarcity of labor in the winter months.

There have been ninety-nine tramps lodged in the Lock-up for the year, against one thousand and twenty-four as reported for the previous year.

A full report of the receipts and expenses of this department may be found elsewhere.

#### TOWN SAFE.

Early in the year a large Diebold Safe was purchased, at what was considered a great bargain. In it were placed the Assessors' valuation books for several years past, the grade plans, for which the town paid \$600, and other books and papers of great value, which, if lost or destroyed, could not be replaced. Many of these books and documents being in constant demand for public use or inspection, it was neither convenient nor feasible to use the town vault in the room occupied by the Savings Bank. We trust our action will commend itself to the town, although undertaken without specific instructions therefrom. The outlay was viewed as a matter of prudence and necessity.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For particulars in regard to this department we refer to the report of the Engineers. No fires of importance have occurred during the year, but we feel assured, from the character of both officers and men, that when the alarm bell shall send forth its warning, be it by day or night, they will respond with alacrity.

#### ARMORY RENT AND MILITARY AID.

The amount paid for rent of Armory occupied by Battery C, M. V. M. has been refunded. Military Aid has been paid, under Chap. 301, Acts 1879, to invalid pensioners, widows, and dependent relatives of Soldiers slain in the war, and under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879, to Soldiers standing in need of relief.

The amounts paid have been approved by the Commissioners of State Aid.

## TOWN HALL.

The expenditures on account of this building exceed the receipts, but the citizens should bear in mind, that inasmuch as the various departments of the town government, viz ; the Public Library, Fire Department, Water Works, etc., pay no rental from their respective appropriations, it would be a difficult matter to rent *the hall proper* for a sufficient sum to heat, light and care for the *entire* building. Some more satisfactory system should be devised, so that this department shall stand on a more equal footing with the others.

## SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

Good sidewalks are a necessity. The concrete sidewalks laid during the last few years are a perpetual source of comfort to all who traverse our streets. Crossings have been laid the past year at the Junction and across several streets.

We believe that appropriations for the purpose of extending these walks should be made annually, and recommend for sidewalks, \$1000, and for crossings, \$200, to be expended under a similar vote to that of last year.

## STREET LIGHTS.

Our streets have been lighted by the Globe Gas Light Company in a very satisfactory manner. The present contract includes the lighting and care of 125 lamps, for \$1000, a saving of \$500 on the appropriation.

## DRAINAGE.

The culvert on Wyoming Avenue over Spot Pond Brook has been enlarged, in accordance with the vote of the town.

The award, by the County Commissioners, to Mr. J. A. Harrington for land damage, sustained in widening Ell Pond Brook has been paid. Ell Pond Brook has been cleared of obstructions from the Pond to Malden line.

## HIGHWAYS.

About one third of the appropriation was expended on Main street from Malden line to nearly opposite the house of Warren Lynde, over 2000 loads of gravel being used, a much needed improvement. We would recommend that during the coming year arrangements be made to complete the improvements on this the principle thoroughfare of our town, after which all the streets should be gradually placed in equally good condition. We would further add that in the opinion of the Board, with the exception of good schools and a proper regard for the moral and spiritual growth of a community, nothing impresses strangers and those seeking suburban homes more favorably than broad smooth highways and sidewalks well cared for.

## POLICE AND NIGHT WATCHMEN.

The appropriation for this department was inadequate. Public safety demands that good order shall be preserved. As a safeguard against burglaries, for the protection of buildings, public and private, and for the purpose of sounding an alarm in case of fire, a permanent night watch is necessary. We recommend for the coming year an appropriation of \$1000.

## CONCLUSION.

We venture the assertion that the credit and financial standing of our town never was better. The debt is steadily diminishing, and with it gradually disappears our interest account, once so formidable. More than \$60,000 of the debt has been expunged during the past seven years, which includes sums borrowed for special purposes, viz.: erecting the Centre School Building, purchase of Newhall's Building, etc., which increased our indebtedness from the amount stated in 1874. The net cost of constructing the Water Works has been maintained at \$150,000, no further bonds having been issued. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund report an accumulation of \$5,385.00, for the redemption of the bonds at maturity.

With all necessary modern improvements, with the increasing desire to fix and maintain our public expenditures within the

bounds of that reasonable economy which shall allow a proper and efficient management of town affairs, and withal the advanced public sentiment of our people tending to the development of a healthy moral and political growth, all point to the commencement of a new era of prosperity.

The extreme beauty of our scenery, unsurpassed by any suburban village in New England, from Boston Rock in the south to the Highlands in the north; from the wooded hills, silver streams and mossy glens of Saugus in the east, to the waterfall, and towering cliffs of the Middlesex Fells in the west, unfolds a natural panorama of exquisite loveliness, while this alone will bring to our community the true lovers of nature, we have other attractions for permanent residents, in the invigorating air we breathe, fresh from the woods and hillside, the pure water we drink, the high character of our schools, churches and societies, ease of communication with adjacent cities, low price of real estate through which a home is within the reach of nearly all, and the general comforts of living, attainable at moderate cost, would all seem to indicate that at no distant day our town, once a simple hamlet within the memory of many among us, connected with Boston by "Old" Aaron Butler's stage, whose trips of three times a week to that distant city were a sort of safety valve for the jibes and jeers of the urchins of those days, as the weary, jaded, half-starved animals struggled on, with an occasional passenger from independent and happy firesides, is to be more eagerly sought by *thousands* from the neighboring metropolis, who, drawn hither by these attractions and advantages, will seek retirement within our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

Selectmen.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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Numerous complaints have been made to the Board in regard to foul pig-pens, defective vaults, cesspools, drains, etc. A thorough examination has been made in each case, and the existing nuisance abated by the parties directly responsible.

## CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There have been a number of cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever; two persons have had the Small-pox. All necessary precaution was taken to prevent contagion, so far as we are able to judge.

The following tables, prepared by one of the physicians of our town, are of especial interest:

### DEATH RATE FOR 1000 INHABITANTS.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	Average.
Malden, . .	18.78	18.18	15.51	16.07	17.13
Medford, . .	18.16		15.84	14.58	16.19
Woburn, . .	19.17	17.24	20.69	15.76	18.21
Stoneham, . .	14.90	15.04	12.62	16.85	14.70
Wakefield, . .	15.63	17.94	17.19	12.97	15.93
Melrose, . .	14.56	14.29	13.78	14.13	14.19

For the first three years the dates are computed on the deaths of these respective years as compared with the state census of 1875. The average annual death rate of all Massachusetts cities is nineteen; that of Melrose, 14.19, making it an eminently healthy town. If you add the census of 1875, an increase of one hundred and eight souls, and compute from this, as we should do, we find our death rate to be 13.82, which is an almost incomparable showing. It will be seen by the above statement that Melrose heads the list in point of sanitation.

The expenditures in this department have amounted to \$22.30, which sum has been paid from the Contingent expense account, to which reference is made for details.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

H. G. FIELDS.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1, 1880. 12.30 P. M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a Moderator.  
Chose Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To bring in votes for Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and other officers ; votes for School Committee to be upon a separate ballot.

Voted, That the officers elected by ballot this day, shall consist of, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, three Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, five Library Trustees, one Highway Surveyor, three Auditors, one Constable, four School Committee, two for three years, one for two years, one for one year.

Voted, That when the meeting is adjourned, it be to 7.30 P. M., and that all articles in the warrant requiring an appropriation of money be postponed to that time.

Voted, To close the Polls at 5.15 P. M.

## OFFICERS ELECTED BY BALLOT.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Daniel Norton, Jr., Henry G. Fields, Joseph F. Boyd. Town Clerk, John Larrabee. Town Treasurer, George Newhall. Collector of Taxes, Moses Briggs. Assessors, George C. Stantial, James C. Currier, Dexter Pratt. Water Commissioner for 3 years, Joseph R. Simonds. Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for 3 years, Royal P. Barry. Highway Surveyor,



Amos Wilbur Lynde. Auditors, John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Ernest Mendum. Constable, Ansel B. Pierce. Trustees of the Public Library, Frederic Kidder, Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. School Committee for 3 years, Clifton Fletcher, Marietta M. W. Seaver. For 2 years, Julius S. Clark. For 1 year, Louis E. Robson.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 1, 1880. 7.30 P. M.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal, Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. Measurer of Wood and Bark, Aaron Green. Surveyor of Lumber, Henry A. Leonard. Committee on Cemeteries, George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. Field Drivers, Otis Howard, H. W. Cushman, Frank Gibbons, H. B. Newhall, Marcus Malcolm. Fence Viewers, Aaron Green, Charles T. Stevens. Police Officers, A. B. Pierce, H. B. Newhall, Joseph Holbrook, H. W. Cushman, Ammi C. Chick, Henry Robinson, Samuel L. Walton. Sealer of Weights and Measures, A. B. Pierce. Lock-up and Pound Keeper, S. L. Walton.

ART. 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to meet the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 5. To raise money for Schools.

Voted, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars, and the surplus from last year, be raised and appropriated for the support of schools—for salaries, fuel, care of buildings, including, also, compensation of School Committee.

ART. 6. To raise money for School Contingent expenses.

Voted, That the sum of seventeen hundred dollars and

the surplus from last year, be raised and appropriated for School Contingent.

ART. 7. To raise money for Highways.

Voted, That the sum of three thousand dollars be raised for Highways, and that four-fifths of the amount be expended before May 31, 1880. That the unexpended balance, to the credit of this account from last year, be expended for concrete crossings, by the Highway Surveyor, the same to be laid across our highways under direction of the Selectmen. That the Highway Surveyor be obliged to make out his pay roll twice each month, and present the same to the Selectmen for approval.

ART. 8. To raise money for Sidewalks.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be raised for Sidewalks, said sum to be expended for Concrete Sidewalks, under direction of the Selectmen, according to provisions of General Statutes accepted by the Town, relating to sidewalks, by which abutters pay one-half the expense, and that preference be given where parties are willing to make the walks continuous.

ART. 9. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.

Voted, That the sum of four thousand dollars and receipts be raised and appropriated for the Support of the Poor.

Voted. To adjourn to Tuesday, March 2d, at 7.30 P. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 2, 1880. 7.30 P. M. \*

ART. 10. To raise money for the Fire Department.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand dollars and the unexpended balance from last year, be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the Fire Department.

ART. 11. To raise money for Lighting and Care of Street Lamps.

Voted, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be raised for Lighting Street Lamps and keeping the same in repair.



ART. 12. To raise money for Additional Street Lamps.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised for Additional Street Lamps.

ART. 13 To Raise money for Watchmen and Policemen.

Voted, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be raised for Police and Night Watchmen.

ART. 14. To raise money for Contingent Expenses

Voted, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be raised for Contingent Expenses.

ART. 15. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.

Voted, To raise and appropriate, for interest on Town Debt, the sum of seven thousand and seven hundred dollars, together with the unexpended balance from last-year and the interest collected on taxes for the year 1879.

ART. 16. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.

Voted, To raise four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for the pupose of reducing the permanent debt.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-four cents, received during the year 1879 from the State, as Bank and Corporation Tax be applied for the same purpose.

ART. 17. To raise money for the Public Library.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars and the dog tax, for the support of the Public Library.

ART. 18. To raise money for Water, maintenance and use of same.

Voted, To raise for the use of the Water, two thousand dollars ; for maintenance, fifteen hundred dollars.

ART. 19. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the town.

Voted, That the salaries of town officers and committees be fixed as follows : Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, \$200 each ; Chairman of Overseers of Poor, \$50 additional.

Town Clerk, \$175. Town Treasurer, \$275. Assessors, \$150 each, and \$50 additional for the Assessor making duplicate valuation book for 1880, for the use of the State. Auditors, \$15 each. Water Commissioners, \$50 each. School Committee, \$50 each; Chairman of the Committee, \$25 additional, Cemetery Committee, \$25 each. Sealer of Weights and Measures, \$10.

Voted, That the Collector be paid as compensation for his services, for collecting resident poll and property taxes, and non-resident property taxes, one-half of one per cent., and on simple poll taxes five per cent. on the amount collected and paid to the Treasurer.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand dollars be raised for the purpose of paying salaries as above stated.

ART. 20. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.

Voted, That the sum of six hundred dollars be raised for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts, and that the Selectmen be directed to rebuild the culvert on Wyoming Avenue, through which Spot Pond Brook passes, adding such new material as may be required, the expense to be paid from this appropriation.

ART. 21. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise for deficiencies the following sums: On account of Town Hall, \$439.44; Drainage on Emerson Street, \$88.55; Counsel Fees, \$261.20; Poor Fund, \$787.39; Military Aid, \$63; Water, (Construction 1879) \$906.03; Total, \$2545.61.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year, be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments, with the exception of balance on account of Highways.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will raise \$300 for the purpose of widening Franklin street.

Voted, That the sum of three hundred dollars be raised for the purpose of widening Franklin street, and that the same be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will repair the fences around the town cemeteries, make other improvements, raise money and choose a committee to expend the same, on petition of Aaron Green and others.

Voted, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the purpose of repairing fence around the Main Street Cemetery, and the making of other improvements in said cemetery, and that Mr. Aaron Green be appointed as a special committee to act with the Cemetery Committee in expending the same.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will make improvements on Lebanon street, near the house of Mr. Ede K. Chase, and appropriate money for the same, on petition of Henry C. Bliss and others.

Voted, That this matter be referred to the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor, and that they put the same in good order.

ART. 26. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all taxes be made payable on or before October 1, 1880, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of seven per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1881, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 27. To hear and act on the reports of Committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Report on Guide Boards accepted. Committee appointed to settle with the Collector of Taxes for 1877, reported that the amount of uncollected taxes was in 1879, \$849.76; amount collected and paid to the Treasurer during the year,

\$310.15 ; amount abated by the Assessors, \$115.61 ; balance uncollected, \$424.00 ; received as interest, \$18.65. Report accepted.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the matter of improving and beautifying the grounds about the Town Hall and High School House. Committee appointed, Charles C. Barry, F. S. Hesseltine, Walter Babb.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the matter of purchasing a Poor Farm, also the purchase of Gravel Pits. Committee appointed, Artemas Barrett, J. B. Souther, N. D. Blake.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to consider the matter of building a School House at the Highlands. Committee appointed, Moses Briggs, Royal P. Barry, Augustus Barrett.

Voted, To adjourn, *sine die*.

MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2D, 1880. 7 A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in votes to the Selectmen for National, State and County Officers.

MEETING, SAME DAY, AT 3 P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside for the transaction of town business.

Chose Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will authorize Collectors, having taxes outstanding, to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use, as provided for in General Statutes, Chap. 18, Sec. 73.

Voted, That Collectors have the same authority to use all means for collecting taxes that a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

ART. 3. To see what action, if any, the Town will take to relieve the abutters on Otis Street from inconvenience and damage

caused them and their estates in consequence of the flowage of water from Emerson Street through the premises of D. L. Taylor and others, on petition of G. W. Van Horn and others.

Voted, To refer the matter to a committee of three, to investigate, get estimates of expense, and report at next meeting. Committee appointed, R. P. Barry, B. M. Fernald and Dexter Pratt.

ART. 4. To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to improving that part of Tremont Street, near the residence of Michael Sullivan, an open ditch on the westerly side of the street being in a dangerous condition, on petition of W. J. Farnsworth and others.

Voted, That the whole matter be referred to the Selectmen, to do what in their judgment is required.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to approve the balance of the bills of the Assessors for the year 1879, in accordance with the vote passed at the annual meeting for that year, fixing the salaries at one hundred and fifty dollars each, on petition of Moses Briggs and others.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to approve the bills of the Assessors for the year 1879, for the sum voted at the annual meeting for that year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised.

Three names added to the list, one person excused. Then voted to accept.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chap. 158, Acts of 1871, as amended by Chap. 51, Acts of 1873, General Laws, which provide for the election of Road Commissioners.

Voted, To accept provisions of laws which relate to the election of Road Commissioners by towns.

ART. 8. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of improving the grounds about the Town Hall and High School House.



Verbal report from committee in regard to improving the Town Hall lot.

Voted, That one thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of improving the grounds about the Town Hall, the money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen; that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same out of any monies received by him not otherwise appropriated.

Voted, That Seth E. Benson and Dexter Pratt be a committee to act with the Selectmen in the matter of improving the grounds.

ART. 9. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of purchasing a Poor Farm, and the purchase of gravel pits.

Committee reported against purchasing a Poor Farm. Report accepted, committee discharged. In regard to gravel pits, further time granted committee.

ART. 10. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of building a school house at the Highlands.

Committee requested further time. Granted.

ART. 11. To hear the reports of other committees, act upon the same, and transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Voted, That it is unadvisable at any town meeting to consider two articles of the warrant at one and the same time. At 4.20 P. M. it was voted to adjourn the meeting so far as town business was concerned. At 4.45 P. M. the Polls were closed, and the result of the voting declared.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE VOTE OF MELROSE FOR NATIONAL, STATE  
AND COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 1880.

*Presidential Electors.*

Republican . . . . .	573
Democratic . . . . .	250
Greenback and Labor Reform . . . . .	8

*For Governor.*

John D. Long of Hingham . . . . .	577
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester . . . . .	245
Horace Binney Sargent of Salem . . . . .	8
Charles Almy of New Bedford . . . . .	2

*For Lieutenant Governor.*

Byron Weston of Dalton . . . . .	576
Alpha E. Thompson of Woburn . . . . .	248
George Dutton of Springfield . . . . .	8

*For Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

Henry B. Peirce of Abington . . . . .	575
Michael T. Donohue of Somerville . . . . .	247
Jonathan Arnold of North Abington . . . . .	8

*For Treasurer and Receiver General.*

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford . . . . .	575
Francis J. Parker of Newton . . . . .	249
Wilbur F. Whitney of Ashburnham . . . . .	8

*For Auditor.*

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield . . . . .	575
Charles R. Field of Greenfield . . . . .	249
Charles F. Warner of Northampton . . . . .	8

*For Attorney General.*

George Marston of New Bedford . . . . .	575
Patrick A. Collins of Boston . . . . .	245
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers . . . . .	8

*For Sheriff.*

Eben W. Fiske of Waltham . . . . .	573
Godfrey Ryder of Medford . . . . .	248
William H. Turner of Stoneham . . . . .	9

*For District Attorney, Northern District.*

William B. Stevens of Stoneham . . . . .	575
James J. McCafferty of Lowell . . . . .	246
Dean Dudley of Wakefield . . . . .	7

*County Commissioner.*

Harrison Harwood of Natick . . . . .	575
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn . . . . .	249
George W. Kimball of Natick . . . . .	8

*Special Commissioners.*

Samuel Staples of Concord . . . . .	574
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn . . . . .	574
Lewis P. True of Everett . . . . .	249
Clement Meserve of Hopkinton . . . . .	249
John S. Verity of Cambridge . . . . .	8
John C. Meehan of Woburn . . . . .	8

*Commissioners of Insolvency.*

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell . . . . .	576
John Haskell Butler of Somerville . . . . .	576
Clark A. Batchelder of Ayer . . . . .	576
James W. McDonald of Marlboro' . . . . .	247
John W. Bragdon of Medford . . . . .	247
John H. Morrison of Lowell . . . . .	247
Nathan Page, Jr. of Wakefield . . . . .	8
Abram Tyler of Hudson . . . . .	8
Reuben Bacon of Bedford . . . . .	8

*For Councillor, Sixth District.*

George Heywood of Concord . . . . .	575
Daniel Wetherbee of Acton . . . . .	248
Walter Rayner of Reading . . . . .	8



*For Representative in the Forty-Seventh Congress, Fifth District.*

Selwyn Z. Bowman of Somerville	.	.	.	.	.	554
Lucius Beebe of Wakefield	.	.	.	.	.	269
James N. Buffum of Lynn	.	.	.	.	.	8

*For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.*

Thomas Winship of Wakefield	.	.	.	.	.	590
George W. Norris of Woburn	.	.	.	.	.	231
Charles H. Lang of Reading	.	.	.	.	.	8
T. Winship	.	.	.	.	.	1

*For Representative to the General Court, Ninth Middlesex Representative District.*

B. Marvin Fernald of Melrose	.	.	.	.	.	523
William L. Williams of Melrose	.	.	.	.	.	289
Scattering	.	.	.	.	.	8

# STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF MELROSE, DURING THE YEAR 1880.

	BIRTHS.	MARRIAGES.	DEATHS.
January . . . . .	7	3	2
February . . . . .	8	—	6
March . . . . .	5	—	7
April . . . . .	7	4	6
May . . . . .	7	1	4
June . . . . .	8	5	5
July . . . . .	10	3	9
August . . . . .	2	2	8
September . . . . .	6	4	4
October . . . . .	7	4	4
November . . . . .	3	2	3
December . . . . .	3	5	4
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	73	33	62

## BIRTHS.

Number registered . . . . .	73
Males . . . . .	37
Females . . . . .	36

Of the above number,

70 were born in Melrose.

3 were born in other places.

Born of American parents . . . . .	48
of foreign parents . . . . .	17
of American father and foreign mother . . . . .	3
of foreign father and American mother . . . . .	5
	— 73

## INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples . . . . .	36
Both parties residing in Melrose . . . . .	23
But one party residing in Melrose . . . . .	13
	— 36

## MARRIAGES.

Whole number . . . . .	33
Less than last year . . . . .	10
Both parties American . . . . .	30
Both parties foreign . . . . .	1
Parties American and foreign . . . . .	2
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	33
First marriage of persons . . . . .	57
Second marriage of persons . . . . .	8
Third marriage of persons . . . . .	1
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	66—33 couples.
The oldest person married . . . . .	60 years.
The youngest person married . . . . .	17 years.

## DEATHS.

Whole number . . . . .	62
Less than last year . . . . .	2
Males (married) . . . . .	15
Females (married) . . . . .	4
Widows . . . . .	9
Widowers . . . . .	1
Males (single) . . . . .	3
Females (single) . . . . .	5
Male children . . . . .	16
Female children . . . . .	9
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	62

## AGES.

Under one year . . . . .	14
From 1 to 5 . . . . .	6
5 " 10 . . . . .	4
10 " 20 . . . . .	3
20 " 30 . . . . .	6
30 " 40 . . . . .	5
40 " 50 . . . . .	7
50 " 60 . . . . .	6
60 " 70 . . . . .	2
70 " 80 . . . . .	9
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	62

Oldest person, 79 years, 9 months.

American parentage	. . . . .	41
Foreign parentage	. . . . .	16
Mixed parentage	. . . . .	5

*Diseases, or Causes of Death.*

Abortion and puerperal peritonitis, 1; age and debility, 1; accidental drowning, 1; apoplexy, 1; asthenia, 1; angina pectoris, 2; basilar meningitis, 1; brain disease, 1; Bright's disease, 2; cancer, 4; cerebritis, 1; congestion of lungs, 1; consumption, 2; cholera morbus, 1; congestion of brain, 1; cholera infantum, 1; diphtheria, 2; dropsy and albuminaria, 1; dysentery, 1; disease of liver, 1; erysipelas, 1; eclampsia infantum, 2; encephalo malaria, 1; gastric catarrh and inanition, 1; hemorrhage of kidneys, 1; hydrocephalus, 1; membranous croup, 2; meningitis, 1; occlusion œsophagus, 1; paralysis, 1; pericarditis with endocarditis, 1; phthisis, 1; pulmonary phthisis, 7; premature birth, 1; purpura, 1; pupura hæmorrhagica and Bright's disease, 1; R. R. accident, 1; scarlatina anginosa, 1; softening of brain, 1; still born, 3; tubercular meningitis, 1; typhus abdominalis 1; ulceration of stomach, 1; unknown, probably ulceration of stomach, 1; valvular disease of heart, 1.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year. 1880, 198 males and 12 females; total, 210.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$414.

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer, 1490, for the sum of \$39,666.23.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN LARRABEE,  
*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

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In entering upon the duties of Highway Surveyor, my first work was in accordance with the vote of instruction passed by the town, that \$1000 should be expended on Main street, beginning at Malden line. From that point to Wyoming Avenue, the entire width of the street was thoroughly graded, requiring 2300 loads of gravel, costing \$184. Most of the balance of the appropriation was expended for labor and material, in grading and repairing Green and Howard streets, Lebanon, Grove, Franklin, Main, Essex, Vinton and Lynde streets, confining the work to those portions that most needed it. A detailed statement will appear in this report.

I would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$3000 be appropriated by the Town for Highway purposes the present year, and that \$800 of the same be expended on Main street, beginning at Wakefield line; also that \$500 be additionally appropriated for concrete gutters in places where there is an unusual wash, notably on Main, Upham and Emerson streets, Wyoming Avenue, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

A. WILBUR LYNDE,  
*Highway Surveyor.*

# REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

In presenting our annual report, we have few fires and small losses to chronicle during the past year. What work the Department has been called on to perform, has been done in a manner creditable to the men and the apparatus in their charge. Below will be found a statement of fires, and the losses, insurance, &c., as far as could be ascertained.

For repairs and running expenses of the Department for the ensuing year, we recommend an appropriation of \$2000, and our unexpended balance.

As a matter of economy we believe it to be for the interest of the Town to erect a permanent building for the Hose Company at Wyoming, on the expiration of the lease of the quarters they now occupy, and respectfully suggest that the matter be taken into consideration

## FIRES.

Jan. 29. House, Trenton street, owned by Jonathan Barrett, occupied by M. Mitchell. Value \$550. Insurance \$300. Loss total.

April 8. Fire in Unity Hall, Main street. Damage trifling and fully insured. Cause, incendiary.

June 24. Barn, Trenton street, owned by Mrs. Spear, occupied by Wm. Munroe. Loss total. Insurance \$350.

June 29. Alarm caused by bonfire near Orthodox church.

Oct. 15. House, Swain's avenue, owned by Mrs. Wilson. Valued at \$800. Insurance \$700. Loss total.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. SIMONDS.

F. EDWARD HOWE.

L. F. HINCKLEY.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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## EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JAN. 1, 1881.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Alonzo G. Whitman, eight weeks	.	\$300 00	
Alonzo G. Whitman, thirty-two weeks		1,280 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, eight weeks	.	150 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, thirty-two weeks	.	640 00	
Frances M. Henshaw, twenty-four weeks		300 00	
Annette Clark, sixteen weeks	.	200 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,870 00

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

##### FIRST.

Caroline E. Southwick, eight weeks	.	\$120 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, twenty-four weeks		260 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, eleven weeks	.	192 50	
Harriet C. Fairbanks, four weeks	.	75 00	
Agnes Pierce, five weeks	.	56 25	
Mary I. Vinton, thirty-four weeks	.	340 00	
		<hr/>	\$1,043 75

##### SECOND. (EMERSON ST.)

Lucy W. Bisbee, one year	.	550 00	
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##### SECOND. (CENTRE.)

Julia M. Porter, one year	.	550 00	
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##### THIRD. (EMERSON ST.)

Susan D. Melcher, eight weeks	.	106 00	
Susan D. Melcher, thirty-two weeks	.	440 00	

##### THIRD. (CENTRE.)

Emma M. Cate, eight weeks	.	106 00	
Emma M. Cate, thirty-two weeks	.	440 00	
		<hr/>	\$3,235 75



## INTERMEDIATE AND MIXED SCHOOLS.

Chastine Emerson, (Centre) one year .	\$450 00	
Alice H. Long, (Vinton St.) eight weeks	80 00	
Alice H. Long, (Vinton St.) thirty-two weeks	360 00	
Kate W. Bascom, (Lynde St.) eight weeks	80 00	
Kate W. Bascom, (Lynde St.) thirty-two w'ks	360 00	
Lydia Mendum, (Green St.) eight weeks	96 00	
Lydia Mendum, (Green St.) thirty-two weeks	400 00	
Myra A. Whitney, (Highlands) eight weeks	80 00	
Myra A. Whitney, (Highlands) thirty-two w'ks	360 00	
Mary A. George, (Upham St.) twenty weeks	225 00	
M. W. Bachelder, (Upham St.) sixteen w'ks	160 00	
Hattie Lane, (Upham St.) . . .	24 00	
Phoebe A. Norris, Upham St.) . . .	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,691 00

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Mary M. Gilman, (Lynde St.) one year	\$450 00	
Hannah F. Lewis, (Vinton St.) one year	450 00	
Clara I. Nichols, (Green St.) eight weeks	80 00	
Clara I. Nichols, (Green St.) thirty-two w'ks	360 00	
Grace O. Barker, (Centre) sixteen weeks	180 00	
Florence B. Howland, (Centre) sixteen w'ks	160 00	
L. Temple, (Centre) eight weeks .	80 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,760 00

## MUSIC.

C. E. Whiting, one year, . . . . .	275 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,831 75

## JANITORS' SALARIES.

Augustus Durant (High School building) one year .	\$275 00	
W. Truman Howard (Centre) 7 months . . .	102 07	
Charles J. Wing (Centre) 5 months . . .	72 92	
Benjamin Stones (Vinton St.) one year . . .	100 00	
Joseph W. Simonds (Green St.) one year . . .	100 00	
William F. Serrat (Lynde St.) one year . . .	100 00	
John Singer (Highlands) one year . . . . .	50 00	
Eri Upham (Upham St.) one year . . . . .	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$849 99



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES.

1879-1880.

Royal P. Barry, Chairman . . . . .	\$75 00
Moses S. Page . . . . .	50 00
Lafayette Burr . . . . .	16 67
Clifton Fletcher . . . . .	33 33
Phœbe A. Norris . . . . .	50 00
Ann M. Kunhardt . . . . .	50 00
Maria W. Currier . . . . .	40 00
Marietta M. W. Seaver . . . . .	6 25
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	\$321 25
Phœbe A. Norris, services, 1880 . . . . .	37 50
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	\$358 75

## FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal . . . . .	\$14 65
J. McCarthy, charcoal . . . . .	14 99
Eri Upham, wood . . . . .	3 00
Bugbee & Barrett, $74\frac{1640}{2000}$ tons coal . . . . .	418 24
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	\$450 88

## RECAPITULATION.

## SALARIES.

Teachers . . . . .	\$10,831 75
Janitors . . . . .	849 99
Committee . . . . .	358 75
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	\$12,040 49
Fuel . . . . .	450 88
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	\$12,491 37

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\$13,568 1

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## CONTRA.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$11,000 00	
Balance from last year . . . . .	2,419 61	
Received from State . . . . .	179 93	
Received for tuition of child from Wakefield . . . . .	2 75	
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	\$13,602 29	
Balance unexpended . . . . .		1,110 92
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		\$13,602 29

## SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1700 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	139 45
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	\$1839 45

## EXPENDED.

C. A. Eastman, stationery, etc. . . . .	\$92 88
J. L. Hammett, sundries . . . . .	82 95
Hooper, Lewis & Co., pens and paper . . . . .	22 25
William Ware & Co., books . . . . .	16 65
Daniel Appleton & Co., books . . . . .	3 84
Willard Small, books . . . . .	3 37
Thompson. Brown & Co., books . . . . .	16 20
M. R. Warren & Co., lithogram . . . . .	4 50
Knight, Adams & Co., stationery . . . . .	4 98
Maynard & Noyes, ink . . . . .	16 00
C. E. Whiting, sheet music and paper . . . . .	1 98
J. H. Daniels, diplomas . . . . .	28 05
A. G. Whitman, music paper . . . . .	2 40
Clifton Fletcher, sundries . . . . .	2 25
R. P. Barry, sundries . . . . .	1 88
Babb & Stephens, printing programmes . . . . .	11 00
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	\$311 18

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$311 18
T. W. Ripley, printing orders	2 25
Reynolds & Dunton, printing extra school reports	15 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing programmes, permits, etc.	9 50
P. D. Meston, binding book	75
Finger Annunciating Co., repairing philosophical apparatus	30 00
E. S. Ritchie & Son, apparatus and chemicals	53 16
G. H. Mason & Co., dusters, pans, etc.	9 75
Wakefield Rattan Co., mats	5 60
Mrs. Kunhardt & Miss Norris, expense	5 00
Mrs. Kunhardt & Mrs. Seaver, expense	9 00
Mrs. M. W. Seaver, expense	3 90
W. W. Boardman, hack	1 00
H. W. Cushman, police services	20 00
R. A. Freeman, carting settees	21 00
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	6 78
G. P. Reed, cleaning clocks and keys furnished	5 35
Thos. Ireland, two clocks and cleaning clock	11 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	4 49
L. F. Hinckley, pail	25
L. W. Gilman, sundries	8 10
J. Singer, Jr., brooms	75
W. H. Wells, brooms, etc.	3 40
T. R. Spear, painting blackboards	21 00
S. P. Rowell, curtains, framing maps, etc.	14 30
M. F. Eastman, expressing	5 10
Wadsworth Bros. & Howland, blackboard dressing	6 00
G. B. Sargent, repairing stamp	75
Walter B. Ellis, 100 yards concrete	37 00
J. C. Howes, labor and stock repairing stoves and furnaces	162 69
G. W. Dew, painting and glazing	78 53
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting and glazing	133 46
W. A. Remick, painting and glazing	121 18
Samuel Ellison, mason work and material	74 97
Benj. Ames, carpenter work	74 15
D. R. Woodward, carpenter work	172 00
Joel Atwood, carpenter work	4 25

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*Amount carried forward* . . . . . \$1,442 59

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1442 59
E. N. Sargent, carpenter work	2 15
Eri Upham, labor	3 50
John Singer, labor and sundries furnished	1 45
Augustus Durant, labor and sundries furnished	9 50
W. F. Serrat, labor and sundries furnished	2 25
George Snowden, labor on vaults and cesspools	6 50
Benjamin Stones, labor	10 00
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	\$1,477 94
Balance unexpended	361 51
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	\$1,839 45

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

### EXPENDED.

#### *For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, &c.*

William H. Wells, groceries	\$397 16
L. F. Hinckley, groceries and provisions	326 70
Bugbee & Barrett “ “	323 89
L. W. Gilman “ “	268 71
James Worthen, “ “	56 50
Warren C. Pierce & Co. groceries	16 00
C. S. Dennis & Co. “	6 00
A. Wheeler & Co., supplies	64 00
W. L. Prouty “	20 00
B. R. Upham, supplies, including fuel	88 79
J. P. Murphy, guardian of A. M. Kelly, supplies, including rent and fuel	355 51
W. J. Farnsworth, supplies, including rent	139 00
C. F. Shute, milk	24 60
Edward Duffy “	1 80
T. H. Bottcher “	1 37
James Higgins “	2 80
Daniel Norton, Jr., cash paid Stephen Hyde	110 00
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	\$2,202 83

*Fuel.*

S E. Benson, wood and coal . . . . .	\$149 55
James Marshall " " . . . . .	97 07
Frank R. Upham " " . . . . .	21 25
D. W. Fitzgerald " " . . . . .	8 25
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	\$276 12

*Medical Attendance and Medicine.*

Julius S. Clark, M. D. . . . .	\$84 00
J. Vincent Smith, M. D. . . . .	51 80
Richmond Barss, M. D. . . . .	3 00
Dr. P. Wadsworth . . . . .	19 00
John Larrabee, medicines . . . . .	27 05
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	\$184 85

*Burial Expenses.*

Ansel B. Pierce, burial Priscilla Crosby . . . . .	\$25 00
" Daniel Hunt . . . . .	21 00
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	\$46 00

*For Support of Insane.*

Danvers Lunatic Hospital . . . . .	\$737 58
Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester . . . . .	267 89
Worcester Lunatic Hospital . . . . .	176 03
A. B. Pierce, expense removing persons . . . . .	4 05
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	\$1,185 55

*Outside Relief.*

City of Boston . . . . .	\$95 70
" Lynn . . . . .	53 00
" Somerville . . . . .	27 55
Town of Malden . . . . .	472 00
" Woburn . . . . .	48 00
" Stoneham . . . . .	24 87
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	\$721 12

*Rents.*

B. R. Upham, 12 months, Mrs. E. C. Grover . . .	\$36 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 6 months, Charles Howard . . .	30 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 11 months, Mrs. H. P. Budd . . .	33 00
Est. S. A. Lynde, 3 months, George A. Palmer . . .	15 00
Est. S. A. Lynde, 9 months, Henry F. Simonds . . .	45 00
James L. Withéy, 2 months, Henry F. Simonds . . .	10 00
S. A. Stevens, 30 weeks, J. H. Howes . . .	60 00
North End Savings Bank, 22 weeks, J. H. Howes . . .	44 00
M. J. Ellis, 3½ months, Mrs. Sanborn . . .	28 00
Est. C. A. Green, 5 months, Mrs. Sanborn . . .	25 00
Timothy Corey, 8 months, William Dutton . . .	28 00
A. B. Rogers, 4 months, William Dutton . . .	14 00
Patrick Murphy, 3 months, Henry Kramer . . .	13 50
John Warren, 8 months, Mrs. J. Callihan . . .	40 00
Dexter Bryant, 5 months, Edward Moore . . .	25 00
Dexter Bryant, 5 months, Mrs. Fitzhenry . . .	20 00
Thomas Mahan, 3 months, Mrs. Fitzhenry . . .	15 00
John W. Cobb, 5 months, Robert H. Terry . . .	20 00
Mary Henney, 4 months, Ellen McCarthy . . .	20 00
Mary Henney, 8 months, Ellen McCarthy . . .	32 00
M. J. Kimball, rent to E. C. Grover . . .	5 70
D. A. Ireson, rent to E. C. Grover . . .	2 25

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 \$561 45
*Board and Clothing.*

Abbie Barter, board of Mrs. L. G. Davis and child, 40 w'ks	\$120 00
Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 40 weeks . . .	160 00
Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 14 weeks . . .	35 00
Abbie Barter, clothing for Phœbe M. Waitt . . .	4 00
Florence E. Upham, board of Arthur J. Richardson, 50 w'ks	150 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for Arthur J. Richardson . . .	3 50
Joseph W. Simonds, board of Abigail Connor, 52 weeks . . .	156 00
Joseph W. Simonds, clothing for Abigail Connor . . .	5 00
Ellen Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 18 weeks . . .	45 00
A. M. Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 40 weeks . . .	100 00
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 52 weeks . . .	132 00
S. J. Haraden, board of Abby G. Fuller, 37 weeks . . .	74 00

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 \$984 50

*Sundries.*

C. G. Harris, dry goods . . . . .	\$26 81
S. F. Barrett, tickets to travellers . . . . .	2 10
S. L. Walton, meals, etc., tramps . . . . .	11 75
R. A. Freeman, moving furniture . . . . .	12 50
William T. Hill, filling tick . . . . .	60
J. C. Howes, stove pipe and lining . . . . .	2 70
Holbrook & Hunt, grate, etc. . . . .	2 00
E. W. Dowling, hats . . . . .	2 80
Samuel Sprague, boots, shoes, etc. . . . .	18 85
George Newhall, boots, shoes, etc. . . . .	36 45
H. G. Fields, expense, cash paid . . . . .	30 76
A. B. Pierce, expense, removing juveniles . . . . .	3 30
Family of George R. Spear, expense to New York . . . . .	15 00
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	\$165 62

*Recapitulation.*

Groceries, provisions, supplies, &c. . . . .	\$2,202 83
Fuel . . . . .	276 12
Medical attendance and medicines . . . . .	184 85
Burial expenses . . . . .	46 00
Support of insane . . . . .	1,185 55
Outside relief . . . . .	721 12
Rents . . . . .	561 45
Board and clothing . . . . .	984 50
Sundries . . . . .	165 62
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	\$6,328 04

## CONTRA.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,000 00
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## RECEIPTS.

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	\$154 74
city of Boston . . . . .	196 75
city of Somerville . . . . .	131 50
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	<i>\$482 99</i>



<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$482 99	
From town of Malden	.	.	.	487 50	
town of Wenham	.	.	.	40 20	
town of Yarmouth	.	.	.	5 00	
town of Stoneham	.	.	.	31 40	
H. G. Fields, money refunded by persons assisted	.	.	.	129 25	
D. Alvin Lynde, board of wife at Danvers	.	.	.	199 03	
Peter Edgerly, board of daughter at Danvers	.	.	.	166 71	
				<hr/>	\$1542 08
Total	.	.	.		5,542 08
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts	.	.	.		785 96
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					\$6,328 04

The following claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department:—

From State of Massachusetts	.	.	.	.	.	\$100 68
city of Boston*	.	.	.	.	.	96 50
city of Somerville	.	.	.	.	.	85 00
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						\$282 18

\*Received since Jan. 1, 1881.

### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$800 00
Balance from last year	.	.	.	.	.	.	130 67

#### RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses:—

Moses Briggs	.	.	.	.	\$2 00	
John R. Jones	.	.	.	.	2 00	
Nelson Cochran	.	.	.	.	2 00	
Jacob Kimball	.	.	.	.	2 00	
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						\$938 67



## EXPENDED.

Craig & Tucker, Diebold safe . . . . .	\$243 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing annual reports, 1879 . . . . .	177 78
Reynolds & Dunton, print'g warrants, bills, advertising, etc. . . . .	59 00
G. W. Reynolds, printing warrants and notices . . . . .	18 00
T. W. Ripley, printing tax bills, etc., . . . . .	19 50
A. W. Haskell, collector's book . . . . .	3 50
Knight, Adams & Co., stationery . . . . .	7 09
Hooper, Lewis & Co., books for Assessors . . . . .	4 50
G. W. Bartlett, teams furnished . . . . .	30 00
C. S. Dennis & Co., damage to horse . . . . .	50 00
Crystal Lake Fishing Association, alewives furnished . . . . .	12 50
Battery "C," M. V. M., firing salute July 5 . . . . .	50 00
W. H. Stone, lamp post and lamp . . . . .	15 00
Wiggin & Fernald, legal services and advice . . . . .	12 00
A. B. Pierce, distributing warrants and serving notices . . . . .	37 50
A. B. Pierce, returning 49 deaths, 1880 . . . . .	12 25
John Larrabee, collecting, recording and returning births deaths and marriages, 1879 . . . . .	64 85
John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1879, regis- ter of voters, check lists, etc. . . . .	30 00
John Larrabee, cash paid for stationery, etc. . . . .	6 20
Nelson Cochran, surveying . . . . .	11 50
R. R. Spear, lettering ballot boxes . . . . .	1 00
Twitchell & Blodgett, police badges . . . . .	4 50
Henry Barron, expressing . . . . .	2 30
Little, Brown & Co., Herricks' Town Officer . . . . .	3 00
J. C. Brock, vote register . . . . .	1 07
S. L. Walton, ringing bell . . . . .	6 00
Augustus Durant, ringing bell . . . . .	6 00
O. K. Stebbins, ringing bell . . . . .	4 00
Samuel Lear, ringing bell . . . . .	6 00

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 \$898 04
*Board of Health Department.*

G. W. Bartlett, teams furnished . . . . .	\$6 00
John Larrabee, chemicals and medicines . . . . .	2 30
G. W. Reynolds, advertising . . . . .	9 00
J. A. Lambert, services fumigating house . . . . .	5 00

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*Judkins Case.*

Paid referees:—

J. Vincent Smith, M. D.	.	.	\$10 00
J. L. Sullivan, M. D.	.	.	10 00
H. G. Fields, expense	.	.	4 00
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			24 00
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			\$944 34

Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts \$5 67

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2000 00
Balance from last year	.	.	.	.	.	.	37 51
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							\$2,037 51

## EXPENDED.

## BIGELOW HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	.	.	.	.	.	\$494 99
Services of steward, one year	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
W. J. Silver, rope	.	.	.	.	.	1 74
T. B. Johnson, stock and labor	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
Bagnall & Loud, blocks	.	.	.	.	.	7 20
T. McCoubry, guy poles, hooks, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	3 20
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						\$551 63

## RUSSELL HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	.	.	.	.	.	\$300 00
Services of steward, one year	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 4200 feet gas	.	.	.	.	.	12 60
Albon W. Parker, painting	.	.	.	.	.	3 25
Bugbee & Barrett, 3 tons coal	.	.	.	.	.	16 77
L. F. Hinckley, oil, matches, cans, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	7 64
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						\$380 26

## N. D. BLAKE HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

Services of 15 men, 1 year . . . . .	\$300 00
Services of steward one year . . . . .	40 00
L. W. Gilman, rent one year . . . . .	150 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 4300 feet gas . . . . .	12 90
Bugbee & Barrett, ton coal . . . . .	5 59
L. F. Hinckley, rope, oil and broom . . . . .	1 27
J. C. Howes, stove pipe and labor . . . . .	7 95
T. McCoubry, repairing wheel, tire, etc. . . . .	1 40
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	\$519 11

## HIGHLAND HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

Services of men, one year . . . . .	\$275 00
Services of steward, one year . . . . .	40 00
Holbrook & Lafreniere, stock and labor . . . . .	6 31
Bugbee & Barrett, 2 tons coal . . . . .	11 18
Samuel Lear, stock and labor . . . . .	30 05
L. F. Hinckley, rope . . . . .	1 00
John Singer, Jr., sundries . . . . .	4 66
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	\$368 20

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

J. A. Thomas, services as engineer, 1879, . . . . .	\$20 00
L. F. Hinckley, " " 1879, . . . . .	10 40
F. E. Howe, " " 1879, . . . . .	8 25
J. A. Thomas, keys . . . . .	60
Board of Engineers, 1880, six month services . . . . .	37 50
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	\$76 75

## RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company . . . . .	\$551 63
Russell Hose Company . . . . .	380 26
N. D. Blake Hose Company . . . . .	519 11
Highland Hose Company . . . . .	368 20
Contingent expenses . . . . .	76 75
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	\$1,895 95

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2000 00	
Balance from last year . . . . .	37 51	
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	\$2,037 51	
Balance unexpended . . . . .		141 56
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		\$2,037 51

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### HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,000 00
Balance from last year expended for Concrete Crossings, per vote of town.	

## EXPENDED.

Under direction of Surveyors Marshall, Fuller and Ellis, previous to annual meeting :

## JAMES MARSHALL.

Paid laborers, 4½ days, at \$1.50 per day . . . . .	\$6 75
teams, 6 days, at \$1.25 per day . . . . .	7 50
James Marshall, 5½ days, at \$2.00 per day . . . . .	11 00
James Marshall, 280 loads gravel at 8 cts. . . . .	22 40
Bugbee & Barrett, nails . . . . .	90
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	\$48 55

## GEORGE P. FULLER.

Paid laborers, 2½ days, at \$1.50 per day . . . . .	\$3 75
teams, 3 days, at \$1.25 per day . . . . .	3 75
Geo. P. Fuller, 3 days, at \$2.00 per day . . . . .	6 00
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	\$13 50

## WALTER B. ELLIS.

Paid laborers, 4 days, at \$1.50 per day	.	.	.	\$6 00
teams, $4\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.25 per day	.	.	.	5 94
W. B. Ellis, 6 days, at \$2.00 per day	.	.	.	12 00
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				\$23 94

Under direction of A. Wilbur Lynde, Surveyor, from March 1, 1880 to Jan. 1, 1881.

Paid laborers, 1073 days, at \$1.50 per day	.	.	.	\$1,609 32
teams, $371\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	.	.	.	556 86
A. W. Lynde, 91 days, at \$2.00 per day	.	.	.	182 00
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				\$2,348 18

## FOR GRAVEL.

Heirs Joseph Lynde, 2,000 loads	.	.	.	.	\$160 00
Nelson Cochran, 454 loads	.	.	.	.	36 32
J. Oscar Lynde, 119 loads	.	.	.	.	9 52
Louisa Lynde, 71 loads	.	.	.	.	5 68
Otis Howard, 75 loads	.	.	.	.	6 00
W. B. Ellis, 158 loads	.	.	.	.	15 80
A. W. Lynde, 75 loads	.	.	.	.	6 00
Dexter Bryant, 82 loads	.	.	.	.	6 56
John Larrabee, 49 loads	.	.	.	.	3 92
Asa Church, 30 loads	.	.	.	.	2 40
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Total	3,113				\$252 20
2955 loads at 8 cents	.	.	.	\$236 40	
158 loads at 10 cents	.	.	.	15 80	
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				\$252 20	

## SUNDRIES.

A. W. Lynde, plank	.	.	.	.	.	\$1 50
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	.	.	.	.	.	34 30
Edwards Bros., sharpening tools	.	.	.	.	.	12 15
J. P. Deering & Co., posts, etc., for railing	.	.	.	.	.	14 50
Bugbee & Barrett, powder, fuse and nails	.	.	.	.	.	2 11
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						\$64 56

Table showing amount of labor performed each month, and cost of same :

1880.	No. Days.	Surveyors.	No. Days	Laborers.	No. Days.	Teams.	Total.
Jan. and Feb.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	*\$29 00	11	*\$16 50	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	*\$17 19	*\$62 69
March .	7	14 00	133	199 50	58	87 00	300 50
April .	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 00	374 $\frac{3}{4}$	562 04	134 $\frac{3}{4}$	202 12	805 16
May .	18	36 00	256 $\frac{1}{4}$	384 33	85 $\frac{1}{4}$	127 87	548 20
June .	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	37 50	181 $\frac{1}{4}$	271 85	52	78 00	387 35
July .	10	20 00	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	105 75	13	19 50	145 25
October .	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	14 50	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	30 36	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 37	54 23
November .	5	10 00	26	38 99	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 75	58 74
December .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 00	11	16 50	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 25	48 75
	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	211 00	1084	1625 82	385	574 05	2410 87

\*Expended under direction of Surveyors Marshall, Fuller and Ellis; remainder of the year under Surveyor A. Wilbur Lynde.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,000 00
Expended previous to March 1, 1880 .	\$85 99
Expended under direction of Surveyor Lynde.	
Labor and teams . . . . .	2,348 18
Gravel . . . . .	252 20
Sundries . . . . .	64 56
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	\$2,750 93
Balance unexpended . . . . .	249 07
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	\$3,000 00



## MELROSE WATER FUND.

Jan. 1, 1880. To the credit of the account . . .	\$297 86
Appropriations :—	
for the use of the water . . . . .	\$2,000 00
for maintenance . . . . .	1,500 00
for deficiency, construction account, 1879 . . . . .	906 03
Received from A. Lane, Superintendent, cash at various times, water-rates collected, etc. . . . .	10,601 58
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	\$15,305 47

## EXPENDED.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent per annum . . . . .	\$9,000 00
bills on account of construction and maintenance (for a detailed statement of which, see Commissioners' report) . . . . .	2,407 46
Treasurer of Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners, per order, surplus over expenses for 1879 . . . . .	1,203 89
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	\$12,611 35
Jan. 1, 1881, To the credit of the account . . . . .	2,694 12
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	\$15,305 47

## TOWN HALL.

No appropriation.

## EXPENDED.

Samuel L. Walton, services as janitor one year . . . . .	\$200 00
Charles Taylor, stock and labor . . . . .	186 55
Malden and Melrose G. L. Co., 79,700 feet gas . . . . .	239 10
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	\$625 65

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$625 65
F. M. Holmes & Co., mats	12 00
Bugbee & Barrett, 34 $\frac{695}{2000}$ tons coal	192 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	5 40
John Larrabee, sundries	1 00
W. J. Silver, repairing flag	1 00
Samuel Ellison, whitewashing lockup	3 00
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	2 80
Thomas Cunningham, testing boiler	3 40
Albon W. Parker, paint and labor	7 25
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	\$853 50

## RECEIPTS.

Melrose Savings Bank, rent one year	\$50 00
Lilliputian Opera Company	25 00
C. E. Keith's Benefit	25 00
Mrs. G. N. Bordman's concert, 2 nights	40 00
James Murphy	25 00
Kate Bowers' Concert Company	25 00
Wyoming Musical Association	25 00
H. E. Robinson's Benefit	30 00
Society Prevention Cruelty to Children	15 00
C. H. Isburgh	35 00
Republican committee	52 03
Democratic committee	10 00
S. L. Walton, for old iron sold	80
Melrose Lyceum	200 00
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	\$557 83
Expenditures exceed receipts	295 67
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	\$853 50

## DRAINAGE, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$600 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	49 37
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	\$649 37

## EXPENDED.

J. A. Harrington, (award of County Commissioners in 1875) for land taken in widening Ell Pond brook . . . . .	\$40 00
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe . . . . .	80 27
Henry J. Rice, edge stone, etc. . . . .	35 70
M. I. Newhall, bridge stone . . . . .	24 00
A. W. Lynde, 900 bricks . . . . .	7 20
B. & M. R. R. Co., old ties . . . . .	3 66
W. B. Ellis, clearing Eli Pond brook . . . . .	40 00
J. P. Deering, lumber . . . . .	10 60
S. E. Benson, sand and cement . . . . .	3 75

*For Labor and Teams.*

A. W. Lynde, 24 days' labor at \$2.00 per day . . . . .	48 00
Laborers, 117 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' labor at \$1.50 per day .. . . .	175 85
Teams, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor at \$1.50 per day, . . . . .	38 25
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	\$507 28
Balance unexpended . . . . .	142 09
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	\$649 37

## DRAINAGE EMERSON STREET.

(Near Depot.)

No appropriation.

## EXPENDED.

*Paid for Labor and Teams.*

A. W. Lynde, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$2.00 per day . . . . .	\$21 00
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	\$21 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$21 00
Laborers, 108½ days at \$1.50 per day . . . . .	162 75
Teams, 24 days at \$1.50 per day . . . . .	36 00
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	\$219 75
Paid Dexter Pratt, services . . . . .	14 00
Walter B. Ellis, 59 yards concrete gutter at 37	
cents per yard . . . . .	21 83
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	\$255 58

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### ARMORY RENT.

Received from State Treasurer, rent for one year to Jan.	
1, 1881 . . . . .	\$600 00
Paid Henry A. Lecuard, rent to Jan. 1, 1881, . . . . .	600 00

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### STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	240 12
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	\$1,740 12

### EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston for lighting	
and care of 121 lamps, 5 months . . . . .	\$618 25
121 " 3 " . . . . .	249 99
125 " 4 " . . . . .	333 32
One iron lamp-post, frame and copper lantern . . . . .	15 87
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	\$1,217 43
Balance unexpended . . . . .	522 69
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	\$1740 12

## ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$100 00
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## EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Co. for 4 iron posts, frames and lanterns . . . . .	\$60 00
5 lanterns . . . . .	28 75
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	\$88 75
Balance unexpended . . . . .	11 25
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	\$100 00

## INSURANCE.

Balance on hand . . . . .	\$233 05
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## EXPENDED.

Paid H. H. Westgate, insurance agent, policy of \$8,000 for 5 years, on Centre School building, and on Highland Hose House \$800 . . . . .	85 80
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Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$147 25

## WYOMING CEMETERY.

## RECEIPTS.

For 2 lots sold residents, at \$50 each . . . . .	\$100 00
“ “ “ at \$55 each . . . . .	110 00
From residents on account of lots sold . . . . .	105 00
For lots sold non-residents: One for . . . . .	150 00
One for . . . . .	165 00
For graves sold: Non-residents . . . . .	24 00
Residents . . . . .	33 00
From non-resident for use of tomb . . . . .	1 00
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	\$688 00

## EXPENDED.

Paid for labor: 174 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	\$262 06
5 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$2 per day	11 50
Paid for teams: 37 days, at \$1.50 per day	55 50
Jacob W. Manning, 50 spruce trees	12 50
Nelson Cochran, surveying	24 50
A. E. Upham, making plan	2 00
Aaron Tay, sodding, etc., half lot	5 00
Eri Upham, 2,274 feet sod	22 74
Philip Stevens, street signs "	19 50
H. E. Wiley, plants	15 00
A. B. Pierce, expense, for tomb	4 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing	2 00
John Larrabee, expense, re-setting stones	1 95
services on committee	25 00
George Newhall, " "	25 00
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	\$488 25

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	409 99
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	\$2,409 99

## EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, Jr., Selectman and Overseer	
of Poor	\$200 00
Joseph F. Boyd, Selectman and Overseer of	
Poor	200 00
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman	
Overseers of Poor	250 00
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	175 00
George Newhall, Treasurer	275 00
George C. Stantial, Assessor 1880	150 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,250 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,250 00	
James C. Currier, Assessor 1880	150 00	
Dexter Pratt, Assessor 1880	150 00	
George C. Stantial, extra services, making duplicate valuation book, 1880	50 00	
George C. Stantial, Assessor, balance, services 1879	25 00	
James C. Currier, Assessor, balance, services 1879	25 00	
Dexter Pratt, Assessor, balance, services 1879,	25 00	
John R. Norton, Auditor 1879	15 00	
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor 1879	15 00	
Ernest Mendum, Auditor 1879	15 00	
John R. Jones, Collector, one-half of 1 per cent. for collecting taxes of 1878, \$20,- 989.00	104 94	
John R. Jones, Collector, one-half of 1 per cent. for collecting taxes of 1879, \$57,- 481.35	287 15	
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		\$2,112 09
Unexpended balance		297 90
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		\$2,409 99

## INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$7,700 00
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year 1879	922 76
Balance from last year	324 66
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	\$8,947 42

## EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent.	\$4,550 00
on notes made to R. G. Shedd, as trustee	1,680 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$6,230 00



<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$6,230 00
Interest on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings .	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	600 00
on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes .	501 79
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	\$8,531 79
Balance unexpended . . . . .	415 63
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	\$8,947 42

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### POLICE AND NIGHT-WATCHMEN.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$800 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	10 09
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	\$810 09

#### EXPENDED.

A. B. Pierce, 592 hours . . . . .	\$148 00
" 177 nights . . . . .	265 50
Samuel L. Walton, 70 hours . . . . .	17 50
196 nights . . . . .	294 00
Joseph Holbrook, 356 hours . . . . .	89 00
H. W. Cushman, 120 hours . . . . .	30 00
A. C. Chick, 307½ hours . . . . .	76 87
H. B. Newhall, 34 hours . . . . .	8 50
Benjamin Gallupe, special services and ex- penses . . . . .	65 00
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	\$994 37
Expenditures exceed . \$184 28	

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### STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of amount paid during year 1879 . . . . .	\$1,241 50
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PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING YEAR  
1880.

Samuel Sprague . . . . .	\$120 00
Isaac C. Dowling . . . . .	120 00
George C. Buckman . . . . .	120 00
William Story . . . . .	120 00
George A. Tainter . . . . .	120 00
Horace W. Cushman . . . . .	120 00
Luzon Weeks . . . . .	72 00
Joseph S. Eastman . . . . .	72 00
Theodore L. Palmer . . . . .	72 00
Sara E. Stilphen . . . . .	48 00
Sarah Barrett . . . . .	48 00
Mary F. Howard . . . . .	48 00
Maria G. Colson . . . . .	48 00
Helen E. Poole . . . . .	48 00
Harriet N. Lynde . . . . .	48 00
Angus McDonald . . . . .	36 00
Edward Fitzgerald, one month . . . . .	1 50
Charles H. Young, 8 months . . . . .	48 00
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	\$1,309 50

## MILITARY AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid in  
1879 . . . . . \$63 00

[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252, Acts of 1879.]

Avery B. Howard . . . . .	\$103 00
Daniel D. Penney . . . . .	56 00
Martin Shannon . . . . .	51 50
George W. Grover, Jr. . . . .	116 25
Philip McMahan . . . . .	77 50
William J. Riley . . . . .	102 75
Wm. H. Richardson . . . . .	77 50
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	\$584 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$584 50
Moses P. Mitchell	.	.	.	.	.	56 50
Ede K. Chase	.	.	.	.	.	63 75
Edwin H. Downing	.	.	.	.	.	26 00
William H. Earl	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Josiah R. York	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
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						\$737 75

## TOWN HALL.

## IMPROVEMENT OF GROUNDS, ETC.

Paid Boston & Maine R. R. freight on granite . . .	\$41 71
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## MAIN STREET CEMETERY.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$250 00
Paid Walter B. Ellis for labor performed under direction of Aaron Green, special committee . . . .	190 00
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Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$60 00

FRANKLIN STREET.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300 00
Received from Joseph F. Boyd for stone sold . . . .	28 05
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	\$328 05

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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## EXPENDED.

Paid Ammi C. Chick for blasting stone and widening street, as per contract . . . . .	\$300 00
Paid A. W. Lynde, for labor and teams 2 days, at \$2.00 per day	\$4 00
“ 12½ days at \$1.50 per day . . . . .	18 75
teams 3½ days at \$1.50 per day . . . . .	5 25
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	\$28 00
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	\$328 00
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Balance . . . . .	05

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation authorized, dog tax and . . . . .	\$500 00
Received from Amos Stone, County Treasurer, dog tax for 1879 . . . . .	392 16
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	\$892 16
Paid to E. H. Goss, on orders from Trustees . . . . .	\$892 16

## CONCRETE CROSSINGS.

Appropriation, unexpended balance from Highway Account for 1879, as per vote of the town . . . . .	\$361 54
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## EXPENDED.

Paid Walter B. Ellis, for laying 448 square yards concrete at 50 cents per yard . . . . .	\$224 00
Paid Peris R. Ellis, for laying 245½ square yards concrete at 50 cents per yard . . . . .	122 75
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	\$346 75
Balance unexpended . . . . .	14 79
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	\$361 54

## SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation . . . . . \$1,000 00

## RECEIPTS.

Frank W. Hamlin . . . . .	\$12 09
Robert Burlen . . . . .	10 84
A. J. Bodge . . . . .	10 16
Provincetown Savings Bank . . . . .	15 38
Nathaniel Howard . . . . .	10 97
W. J. Farnsworth . . . . .	72 72
Masonic Association . . . . .	14 03
J. P. Averill . . . . .	5 61
W. A. Remick . . . . .	7 71
H. H. Westgate . . . . .	12 33
C. A. Patch . . . . .	5 73
Simeon Locke . . . . .	17 94
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	\$195 51
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	\$1,195 51

## EXPENDED.

Paid Peris R. Ellis, one-half the expense of laying 683.22 square yards concrete, at 37 cents per yard . . . . .	\$126 51
Peris R. Ellis (for laying 1,617.14 square yards, at 37 cents per yard, . . . . .)	598 33
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	\$724 84
Walter B. Ellis, one-half the expense of laying 2,759.52 square yards concrete, at 37 cents per yard . . . . .	\$510 51
John G. McConnell, one-half of expense laying (in 1879) 32 square yards concrete, at 34 cents per yard . . . . .	5 44
Ellen Wing, one-half of expense laying (in 1879) 45 square yards concrete, at 34 cents per yard, . . . . .	7 65
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	\$1,248 44
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts \$52 93	

Bills have been presented and are due this de-

partment from Timothy Corey . . . . .	\$29 10
William Larrabee . . . . .	35 89
Mary Lynde . . . . .	30 95
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	\$95 94

Concrete walks have been laid in front of estates owned or occupied by the following named persons : —

	Square yards*
John G. McConnell, Main Street . . . . .	32.
Ellen Wing, Main Street . . . . .	45.
George Newhall, Green Street . . . . .	34.
Emery Close, Emerson Street . . . . .	47.50
S. E. Benson, Tremont Street . . . . .	43.
C. M. Field, Lebanon Street . . . . .	98.
L. W. Gilman, Wyoming Avenue . . . . .	76.
A. R. Potter, Ashland Street . . . . .	48.66
G. W. Chipman, Ashland Street . . . . .	83.33
M. F. Eastman, Main Street . . . . .	47.
Joseph Edwards, Main Street . . . . .	38.33
Harriet A. Avery, Upham Street . . . . .	34.
Eliza Robinson, Willow Street . . . . .	91.50
George Hart, Hurd Street . . . . .	179.33
Moses Briggs, Ashland Street . . . . .	83.
Esther C. Ray, Ashland Street . . . . .	55.
Charles O. Boyd, Willow Street . . . . .	44.
— Pichard, Ashland Street . . . . .	48.75
Mark Safford, Willow Street . . . . .	40.
Solon Dow, Upham Street . . . . .	71.
F. E. Orcutt, Upham Street . . . . .	34.50
A. M. Nelson, Ashland Street . . . . .	42.75
John A. Keene, Ashland Street . . . . .	57.
C. A. Messenger, Ashland Street . . . . .	159.75
William J. Farnsworth, Grove Street . . . . .	250.55
Masonic Temple, corner Main St. and Wyoming Avenue,	75.8
John P. Averill, Main Street . . . . .	30.33
C. A. Patch, " . . . . .	31.

Square yards.

H. H. Westgate, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	66.66
Timothy Corey, "	.	.	.	.	.	157.33
William A. Remick, "	.	.	.	.	.	42.
William Larrabee, "	.	.	.	.	.	194.
Mary Lynde, "	.	.	.	.	.	167.33
Nathaniel Howard, "	.	.	.	.	.	59.33
Provincetown Savings Bank, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	83.10
Frank W. Hamlin, Grove Street	.	.	.	.	.	65.33
Robert Burlen, "	.	.	.	.	.	58.61
Simeon Locke, "	.	.	.	.	.	96.94
A. J. Bodge, "	.	.	.	.	.	54.91
Thomas Hawkins, "	.	.	.	.	.	41.39
William J. Farnsworth, "	.	.	.	.	.	142.53
Alfred Hocking, Emerson Street	.	.	.	.	.	66.67
Robert Burlen, Emerson Street	.	.	.	.	.	69.37
William F. Conant, Prospect Street	.	.	.	.	.	65.63
Liberty Bigelow, Foster Street	.	.	.	.	.	213.71
Estate corner Florence Street and Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	85.42
LaFayette Burr, Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	87.07
William F. Morse, "	.	.	.	.	.	79.75
J. A. Worthen, "	.	.	.	.	.	73.06
George Phillips, "	.	.	.	.	.	63.
Jefferson Lowe, "	.	.	.	.	.	59.86
— Milton, "	.	.	.	.	.	55.11
S. S. Bugbee, "	.	.	.	.	.	66.47
— Brown, "	.	.	.	.	.	58.21
Rufus Leavitt, "	.	.	.	.	.	152.80
J. R. Jones, Berwick Street	.	.	.	.	.	62.56
John S. Austin, Vine Street	.	.	.	.	.	56.11
G. W. Stevens, Myrtle Street	.	.	.	.	.	24.27
J. S. Clark, Essex Street	.	.	.	.	.	143.
Thomas McCoubry, Essex Street	.	.	.	.	.	46.84
A. V. Lynde, Franklin Street	.	.	.	.	.	40.
L. H. Curtis, Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	106.55
Boston & Maine Railroad, Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	29.75
J. C. Ingalls, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	98.
T. S. Love, "	.	.	.	.	.	32.16
G. W. Stevens, "	.	.	.	.	.	49.46
Methodist-Episcopal Society, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	113.19



# TABULAR STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS, 1880.

Departments.	Appro. 1880.	Bal'ces from last y'r.	Receipts.	Exp'ded.	Bal'ces Unex	Defici- ency.
School Fund.....	\$11000 00	\$2419 61	\$182 68	\$12491 37	\$1110 92	.....
School Contingent.....	1700 00	139 45	.....	1477 94	361 51	.....
Contingent Expenses .....	800 00	130 67	8 00	944 34	.....	\$5 67
Poor Fund .....	4000 00	.....	1542 08	6328 04	.....	785 96
Fire Department.....	2000 00	37 51	.....	1895 95	141 56	.....
Town Hall.....	.....	.....	557 83	853 50	.....	295 67
Street Lights.....	1500 00	240 12	.....	1217 43	522 69	.....
Police and Watchmen.....	800 00	10 09	.....	994 37	.....	184 28
Salaries.....	2000 00	409 99	.....	2112 09	297 90	.....
State Aid.....	.....	.....	1241 50	1309 50	.....	.....
Water Fund.....	3500 00	297 86	10301 58	11407 46	2694 12	.....
Drainage.....	600 00	49 37	.....	507 28	142 09	.....
Armory Rent.....	.....	.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....
Main Street Cemetery.....	250 00	.....	.....	190 00	60 00	.....
Franklin Street .....	300 00	.....	28 05	328 00	05	.....
Insurance .....	.....	233 05	.....	85 80	147 25	.....
Wyoming Cemetery.....	.....	.....	688 00	488 25	199 75	.....
Additional Street Lamps.....	100 00	.....	.....	88 75	11 25	.....
Sidewalks.....	1000 00	.....	195 51	1248 44	.....	52 93
Crossings.....	.....	*361 54	.....	346 75	14 79	.....
Military Aid.....	.....	.....	63 00	737 75	.....	.....
Highways.....	3000 00	.....	.....	2750 93	249 07	.....
Drainage Emerson Street.....	.....	.....	.....	255 58	.....	255 58
Town Hall, impr'g grounds, etc.	.....	.....	.....	41 71	.....	.....
Interest.....	7700 00	324 66	†922 76	8531 79	415 63	.....
Public Library.....	500 00	.....	392 16	892 16	.....	.....
State Tax.....	.....	.....	.....	3570 00	.....	.....
County Tax.....	.....	.....	.....	1793 96	.....	.....
Water Loan Sinking Fund.....	.....	.....	.....	1203 89	.....	.....
Reduction of Debt.....	4250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiencies.....	1639 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiencies Water Construction	906 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corporation Tax.....	.....	.....	2071 85	.....	.....	.....
Bank Tax.....	.....	.....	763 69	277 20	.....	.....
Soldiers' Relief.....	.....	.....	117 75	.....	.....	.....
	\$47545 61	\$4653 92	\$19976 44	\$64970 23	\$6368 58	\$1580 09

\*From Highway accounts, as per vote of the town.

† Interest collected on taxes of 1879.

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

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Cash in the treasury Jan. 20, 1880 . . . .	\$2,272 74
Total receipts for the year . . . . .	112,869 97
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	\$115,142 71
Total disbursements for the year . . . . .	114,470 23
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Cash in the treasury Jan. 24, 1881 . . . .	\$672 48

## PERMANENT LOANS.

Paid note made to R. G. Shedd, Trustee, due Dec. 1, 1880, interest 7 per cent. . . . .	\$12,500 00
Paid note made to R. G. Shedd, Trustee, due Dec. 1, 1880, interest 7 per cent. . . . .	11,500 00
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	\$24,000 00
Borrowed on notes to Commonwealth of Massachu- setts, due Dec. 1, 1881, interest 4 per cent . . . .	\$5,000 00
Borrowed on notes to Commonwealth of Massachu- setts, due Dec. 1, 1882, interest 4 per cent . . . .	5,000 00
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	\$10,000 00

## TEMPORARY LOANS.

Paid note of previous year . . . . .	\$12,000 00
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes during the year . . . .	\$25,500 00
Paid notes borrowed as above . . . . .	13,500 00
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Outstanding, . . . . .	\$12,000 00

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## STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1881.

### BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890 . . . . .	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1, 1892 . . . . .	50,000 00
Town Hall bond, due Oct. 1, 1892 . . . . .	65,000 00
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	\$215,000 00

## PERMANENT LOANS.

*Notes Outstanding.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Oct. 15, 1883, interest 6 per cent. .	\$5,000 00	
Lowell Institution for Savings, due		
Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent. .	20,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Oct. 15, 1888, interest 6 per cent. .	5,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Dec. 1, 1881, interest 4 per cent. .	5,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Dec. 1, 1882, interest 4 per cent. .	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$40,000 00

## TEMPORARY LOAN.

Alvah A. Smith of Boston, due Dec 24, 1881, inter-		
est 4 per cent. . . . .	12,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$267,000 00

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State		
aid . . . . .	\$1,309 50	
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of mili-		
tary aid . . . . .	368 67	
Bills due on poor account . . . . .	282 18	
Uncollected taxes :—		
1878 . . . . .	\$394 92	
1879 . . . . .	719 51	
1880 . . . . .	21,755 04	
	<hr/>	22,869 47
Water Loan Sinking Fund . . . . .	5,385 00	
Cash in the treasury . . . . .	672 48	
	<hr/>	\$30,887 30
Net debt more than assets available . . . . .	236,112 70	
	<hr/>	\$267,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.

GEO. NEWHALL,

*Treasurer.*

MELROSE, Jan. 24, 1881.

Dr.               GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

Jan. 20, 1880. Cash in treasury . . . . \$2,272 74

## RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer:—

On account of School Fund . . . .	\$179 93	
Armory rent, 1880 . . . .	600 00	
State aid, 1879 . . . .	1,241 50	
Corporation tax, 1879 . . . .	63 89	
“ “ 1880 . . . .	2,007 96	
Bank tax, 1879 . . . .	20 93	
“ “ 1880 . . . .	742 76	
Relief to soldiers . . . .	117 75	
Military aid, 1879 . . . .	63 00	
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From various sources:—

On account of Poor Fund . . . .	\$1,542 08	
School Fund . . . .	2 75	
Contingent Fund . . . .	8 00	
Sidewalks . . . .	195 51	
For use of Town Hall . . . .	557 83	
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1879 . . . .	392 16	
For lots, graves, &c., Wyoming Cemetery	688 00	
From A. Lane, superintendent, water rates		
collected, &c. . . . .	10,601 58	
For stone sold from Franklin street . . . .	28 05	
	<hr/>	14,015 96

## TAXES.

From A. B. Pierce, Collector:—

Taxes for 1873 . . . . .	\$56 00	
1877 . . . . .	228 80	
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From John R. Jones, Collector:—

Taxes for 1878 . . . . .	\$488 20	
1879 . . . . .	24,978 26	
	<hr/>	25,466 46

From Moses Briggs, Collector:—

Taxes for 1880 . . . . .	32,565 03	
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## TEMPORARY LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes . . . . .	35,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$115,142 71

## IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE. CR.

By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund . . . . .	\$12,491 37	
School contingent expenses . . . . .	1,477 94	
Contingent Fund . . . . .	924 34	
Poor Fund . . . . .	6,313 04	
Fire Department . . . . .	1,895 95	
Town Hall . . . . .	853 50	
Street-lights . . . . .	1,217 43	
Cemetery . . . . .	488 25	
Police . . . . .	994 37	
Town officers' salaries . . . . .	2,112 09	
State aid . . . . .	1,309 50	
Water Fund . . . . .	2,407 46	
Drainage . . . . .	507 28	
Armory rent . . . . .	600 00	
Main Street Cemetery . . . . .	190 00	
Insurance . . . . .	85 80	
Additional Street Lamps . . . . .	88 75	
Concrete sidewalks . . . . .	1,248 44	
Concrete crossings . . . . .	346 75	
Military aid . . . . .	737 75	
Highways . . . . .	2,750 93	
Drainage Emerson Street . . . . .	255 58	
Franklin Street . . . . .	328 00	
Improvement on Town Hall grounds . . . . .	41 71	
	<hr/>	\$39,666 23

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds . . . . .	\$9,000 00	
interest on notes and Town-hall		
bonds . . . . .	8,531 79	
order of Overseers of Poor . . . . .	15 00	
order of Trustees Public Library . . . . .	892 16	
Referees Judkins case . . . . .	20 00	
State tax, 1880 . . . . .	3,570 00	
County tax, 1880 . . . . .	1,793 96	
National Bank tax (refunded) . . . . .	277 20	
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking		
Fund . . . . .	1,203 89	
	<hr/>	\$25,304 00

## TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes . . . . .	49,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$114,470 23
Jan. 24, 1881. By cash in the treasury . . . . .	672 48	
	<hr/>	\$115,142 71

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We have examined the Treasurer's books, and find them correctly kept, and vouchers to correspond therewith.

The amount reported "Balance on hand Jan. 29, 1881," we find standing to the credit of the Town of Melrose on the books of the Everett and Freeman's National Banks, of Boston.

We were unable to audit the Treasurer's account with the Collector, the same not being complete, as the Assessors had not certified to the Treasurer the amount of taxes committed to the Collector for collection or the amount of abatements made by them, if any, as per vote of the Town March 12, 1879, and the Collector having failed to turn over to the Treasurer, with the moneys collected, the stubs of the tax bills, as per the same vote.

We were unable to audit the Collector's books, as he stated they were not complete at that time, but his receipts for money paid to the Treasurer corresponded with the amount to his credit on the Treasurer's books.

We would recommend that in future the Collector be *required* to turn in the *stubs*, in order that the accounts may be audited and his report verified.

We have also examined the account of E. H. Goss, Treasurer of the Public Library Trustees, and find the same to be correct and vouchers therefor. We would suggest that in future the bills against the Library Fund be first approved by the Trustees and then by the Selectmen, as other bills now are, as provided for in the By-Laws, Sect. 3, Art. II.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK E. ORCUTT,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JOHN R. NORTON,	
ERNEST MENDUM,	



# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1880.

Number of inhabitants . . . . .	4,443
of children 5 to 15 years of age . . . . .	888
of dwellings . . . . .	1,001
of horses . . . . .	286
of cows . . . . .	169
of dogs . . . . .	231
of acres of land taxed (about) . . . . .	2,728
Value of real estate . . . . .	\$3,356,000 00
of personal estate . . . . .	294,384 00
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Total valuation . . . . .	\$3,650,384 00
Rate of taxation, \$14.25 per \$1,000.	
Amount of appropriations . . . . .	\$47,545 61
of State tax . . . . .	3,570 00
of County tax . . . . .	1,793 96
of overlay . . . . .	1,498 40
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	\$54,407 97

Assessed as follows:—

Number of polls, 1,195.	
Amount of tax on polls, \$2 each . . . . .	\$2,390 00
of tax on real estate . . . . .	47,823 00
of tax on personal estate . . . . .	4,194 97
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Amount of warrant committed to the Collector . . . . .	\$54,407 97
Additional assessments . . . . .	34 26
“       “       women . . . . .	27 65
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	\$54,469 88
Less abatements . . . . .	217 95
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Net amount, January 1, 1881 . . . . .	\$54,251 93
On which there has been collected . . . . .	\$32,496 89
And interest . . . . .	67 68



## ABATEMENTS 1880.

Lucius Beebe & Sons	\$7 12	John Gateley Estate	\$3 81
Levi Miles Estate	4 95	George E. Phillips	2 13
Mrs. R. M. McLaughlin	4 56	Thomas Keating	1 64
Mrs. Elizabeth Woodward	5 67	Mrs. Z. Butler	2 47
Mrs. Mary G. Vinton	1 03	Mrs. B. H. Rowe	5 00
William H. Jones	1 05	Orin Brown	1 42
Charles Barrett Estate	7 81	T. J. Kimball Estate	87
John Hurley Estate	4 43	Benjamin Clapp & Co.	2 85
Matthew Cassells	2 84	Timothy Corey	6 67
Levi Green, guard'n Cordelia	2 85	James Sayse	20 67
Mrs. John Collegan	12 07	Miss Nancy S. Wilson	7 12
Mrs. Lyman Elmes	1 55	Mrs. Samuel Fiske	13 37
Mrs. Abigail Cutler	4 21	William Hallahan	2 00
Mrs. Louisa Kendall	4 93	Mrs. Lucy S. Whorf	4 57
Mrs. Miner L. Ray	8 07	Miss Louisa Lynde	7 00
Mrs. B. R. Higgins	1 10	Miss H. Whitney	12 05
Mrs. C. W. Clinckard	4 62	C. H. Simpson	17 09
Miss Joanna Stackpole	4 23	A. W. Brainard	1 90
Mrs. Ann M. Stevens	3 20	Uriah Huntley	73
Mrs. S. S. Twombly	7 12		
Mrs. Caroline E. Stevens	3 39		
Mrs. C. A. Shattuck	7 79		
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			\$217 95

## FOR YEAR 1879.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1880, as per	
last report . . . . .	\$57,517 60
Additional assessments in 1880 . . . . .	52 10
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	\$57,569 70
Abatements made in 1880 . . . . .	391 63
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Net amount Jan. 1, 1881 . . . . .	\$57,178 07
On which there has been collected . . . . .	\$56,458 56
And interest . . . . .	972 79

## ABATEMENTS ON 1879, DURING 1880.

Mrs. Louisa Kendall	\$6 88	Michael Powers	33 12
Mrs. Miner L. Ray	18 88	Miss L. Lynde	18 00
Miss Cynthia Howard	6 38	Henry Robinson	15 88
Robert Emerson	60	Mrs. H. A. Avery	6 08
William Coyle	2 00	Charles W. Higgins	3 37
J. E. McGlinn	2 00	Mrs. Caroline E. Stevens	3 62
Mrs. W. P. Sargent	29 40	Moses P. Mitchell	3 00
Misses E. and M. Moody	12 00	Michael Murray	9 50
Mrs. Conway	15 00	Edward F. Young	2 00
George Upham	7 63	Charles M. Blake	5 75
Mrs. Stilphen	5 00	William B. Burgess	32 37
William Warren	8 13	Fred M. Goss	2 00

Mrs. John Collegan	14 25	James Lovejoy	2 00
J. H. L. Anderson	1 12	Albert P. Lovejoy	2 00
William S. Marshall	2 37	Charles Leavens	2 00
Asa Upham	1 17	Al Libby	4 25
A. G. Bale	6 00	L. N. Leslie	2 00
Charles H. Fuller	75	Reuben T. Robinson	2 00
Mrs. Anna Stevens	3 25	Samuel Reid	2 00
Albert Bradley	2 00	— Walton	2 00
J. S. Adams	2 00	E. H. Young	2 00
Matthew Cassells	2 00	Margaret T. Crowley	2 00
E. Humphrey	2 00	H. Emma Fuller	7 12
George R. Spear	2 00	Edwin A. Alden	6 13
George W. Woodman	2 00	Thomas Currier	2 00
A. T. Abbott	2 00	Wilbur F. Cobb	2 00
Alexander Anderson	2 00	James Dean	2 00
Thomas Brown, Jr.	2 00	W. H. Doolittle	2 00
Maxwell Carpenter	2 00	John Godfrey	2 00
Charles M. Curriea	2 00	John B. Horne	2 00
John H. Clark	2 00	Thomas W. Lay	2 00
Frank Chandler	2 00	Oliver S. Nowell	2 00
Patrick Drew	2 00	J. W. Kennedy	2 00
William Donnavan	2 00	William J. Riley	2 00
William Dutton	2 00	John Snowden	2 00
Thomas Dermott	2 00	E. D. Swain	3 13
Cyrus H. Ford	2 00	George Hunt	2 00
Arthur E. Ford	2 00	George Lee	2 00
Francis Hole	2 00	— Josselyn	75
Charles B. Harraden	2 00		
Charles E. Keith	2 00		
A. A. Kittendorff	2 75		
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			\$391 63

## FOR YEAR 1878.

Net amount of Collector's Book, Jan. 1, 1880, as per	
last report . . . . .	\$50,016 66
Abatements in 1880 . . . . .	289 96
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Net amount Jan. 1, 1881 . . . . .	\$49,726 70
On which there has been collected . . . . .	\$49,331 78
And interest . . . . .	892 13

## ABATEMENTS ON 1878, DURING 1880.

James L. Wheeler	\$2 00	John H. Clark	\$2 00
John Higgins	2 00	Thos. Dermott	2 00
Sarah Conway	12 00	Dustin Fontain	2 00
E. O. Phinney	62 00	John H. Follansbee	2 00
Chas. T. Stevens	27 02	L. W. Lovering	2 00
James Duffers	2 00	Levi P. Martin	2 00
A. D. Bradley	2 00	Wm. F. Bacon	2 00
John Bragden	2 00	T. Baxter	2 00
John Brownie	2 00	Allen J. Bacon	2 00
John Clark	2 00	James T. Cragin	2 00

Joseph Coolidge	\$2 00	Geo. Patch	\$2 00
Patrick Curtin	2 00	Daniel S. Pratt	2 00
Wilbur F. Cobb	2 00	Wm. Partridge	2 00
John Cox	2 00	H. S. Roe	2 00
Wm. T. Donahue	2 00	J. W. McCullough	2 00
Wm. Dill	2 00	Thos. Morong	2 00
F. W. DeCostra	2 00	Chas. H. Martin	2 00
Daniel Evans	2 00	Moses R. Palmer	2 00
Frank A. Grover	2 00	J. C. Rourke	12
F. A. Gowan	2 00	Wm. J. Riley	2 00
Joseph Garvin	2 00	O. N. Horton	2 82
Jacob Goodwin	2 00	Geo. T. Gateley	2 00
Wm. Gray	2 00	James Cutler	2 00
D. A. Gray	2 00	H. G. Abbott	2 00
C. F. Glover	2 00	S. R. Atwood	2 00
R. W. Goodall	2 00	Isaac Burditt	2 00
C. W. Gray	2 00	Fred Burditt	2 00
Stephen Hyde	2 00	Loring Beverly	2 00
Abram Hale	2 00	James Brewster	2 00
Joseph Hale	2 00	Harry Robinson	2 00
Chas. Kennedy	2 00	James O. Riley	2 00
— Lawson	2 00	Wm. R. Reynolds	2 00
Walter Lewis	2 00	Samuel Rice	2 00
Frank Larrabee	2 00	Albert Smith	2 00
M. D. Littlefield	2 00	A. S. Snow	2 00
Geo. Lunt	2 00	Geo. W. Stillman	2 00
Chas. Musgrove	2 00	J. B. Stearns	2 00
Sumner Morton	2 00	Geo. H. Tinkham	2 00
W. F. Mitchell	2 00	Lawrence Van Buskirk	3 20
Daniel N. Merrill	2 00	E. A. Vogle	2 00
Samuel E. McAlmon	2 00	W. S. Weymouth	2 00
Wm. Mitchell	2 00	H. B. Whitehead	2 00
Frank Marshall	2 00	Geo. Walton	2 00
Enoch A. Merrill	3 00	E. H. Young	2 00
James F. Marshall	2 00	— Josselyn	60
F. A. Marden	2 00	E. Gerry Russ	2 00
H. P. Morcomb	2 00	Mrs. Wm. Stevens	1 20
John Miller	2 00	John H. Dowd	2 00
Thos. H. Means	2 00		
Andrew G. Oberg	2 00		
			<hr/> \$289 96

GEO. C. STANTIAL,  
JAMES C. CURRIER,  
DEXTER PRATT,

*Assessors.*

## COLLECTORS' REPORT.

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### TAXES FOR YEAR 1878.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880, as per last report . . .	\$1,119 13
Abatements in 1880 (see Assessors' Report) . . .	289 96
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	\$829 17
Interest collected in 1880 . . . . .	53 95
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	\$883 12
Paid Treasurer in 1880 . . . . .	488 20
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Balance unpaid, Jan. 1, 1881 . . . . .	\$394 92

### TAXES FOR YEAR 1879.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880, as per last report . . .	\$25,114 54
Additional in 1880 . . . . .	52 10
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	\$25,166 64
Abatements in 1880 (see Assessors' Report) . . .	391 63
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	\$24,775 01
Interest collected in 1880 . . . . .	922 76
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	\$25,697 77
Paid Treasurer in 1880 . . . . .	24,978 26
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Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1881 . . . . .	\$719 51

JOHN R. JONES, *Collector.*

## TAXES FOR YEAR 1880.

Amount of warrant and tax list, as received from the

Assessors . . . . .	\$54,407 97
Additional assessments . . . . .	34 26
“ “ women . . . . .	27 65
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	\$54,469 88
Abatements (see Assessors' Report) . . . . .	217 95
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	\$54,251 93
Interest collected . . . . .	67 68
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	\$54,319 61
Paid Treasurer . . . . .	32,564 57
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Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1881 . . . . .	\$21,755 04

MOSES BRIGGS, *Collector*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD  
OF  
WATER COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MELROSE,  
FOR THE  
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1880.

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WAKEFIELD:  
CITIZEN & BANNER PRESS.  
1881.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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JOSEPH D. WILDE.

W. IRVING ELLIS.

J. R. SIMONDS.



## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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The Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit this their Eleventh Annual Report, including the report of the Superintendent, showing the condition of the works to January 1st, 1881.

The year just passed has been one of extreme drought, following the very dry season of 1879, so that the pond did not reach high water mark by 12 inches, a circumstance that has not happened since the completion of the works. The highest point being reached May 10th, and then commencing to fall until Jan. 7th, 1881, when it was just even with the top of conduit that leads to the gate house.

During the year several meetings of the joint Water Boards were held, at which the subject of water supply was carefully considered.

In November a committee was appointed to confer with a competent Engineer in order to decide what steps had better be taken to furnish a supply of water if the Pond should fall below the conduit. The services of W. S. Barbour, Esq., Engineer of the Cambridge Water Works, was secured, and he was present at a meeting of the joint Water Boards, held at the pond, and, after due deliberation, decided that we should at once adopt some means which would place us beyond any contingency, (for what could be more disastrous than the failure even for a day?)

There were two plans presented. One was to lay a new pipe at a lower depth and connecting with the present pipe, say at a distance of about 2,000 feet down the Ravine Road. The other of placing a Pump at the Pond, and pumping the water into the pipes as now laid. But with the lateness of the season, the cold weather, and the depth of frost in the ground, it was decided to adopt the latter, and arrangements were entered into with the Geo. F. Blake Manufacturing Co., of Boston, to furnish one 16 inch Knowles Pump with Boiler of 25 Horse Power, Feed Pump, and all neces-

sary connections, suction and discharge pipes, and the same was completed under the immediate supervision of Maj. W. D. Fiske, Jan. 7th, 1881, and pumping commenced the day following.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year as follows:—

For hydrants, Town Hall, school-houses, &c.	\$2,000 00
For maintenance . . . . .	1,500 00

*Water-takers, Jan. 1, 1881.*

Families . . . . .	858
Apothecariës . . . . .	2
Aquarium . . . . .	1
Armory . . . . .	1
Barber-shops . . . . .	2
Bakehouse . . . . .	1
Bookbindery . . . . .	1
Churches . . . . .	6
Engine and hose houses . . . . .	4
Fish-markets . . . . .	2
Greenhouses . . . . .	8
Hand-hose . . . . .	262
Hydrants. . . . .	85
Halls . . . . .	6
Livery and boarding stables . . . . .	4
Manufactories . . . . .	4
Ornamental fountains . . . . .	11
Private stables . . . . .	25
Printing-office . . . . .	1
Public drinking-fountains . . . . .	5
Public ornamental fountains . . . . .	2
Railroad-depots . . . . .	2
Standpipes . . . . .	2
Schoolhouses . . . . .	7
Stores and shops . . . . .	18
Truck and cart stables . . . . .	13
Number of water-takers as per register 1881 . . . . .	980
Number of water-takers as per register 1880 . . . . .	952
Increase over 1880 . . . . .	28

## RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

*Amount Received for Water Rates exclusively.*

1870-71	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,909	29
1872	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,141	84
1873	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,133	88
1874	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,202	31
1875	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,882	85
1876	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,788	93
1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,850	45
1878	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,267	95
1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,717	13
1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,863	14
Estimated income for 1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$10,000	00

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	\$175,457	47
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Expended this year as follows:—

Richard Pattee, hydrants	.	.	.	\$70	00
Boston and Maine Railroad, freight	.	.	.	3	97
Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe	.	.	.	85	33
Town of Malden, one branch	.	.	.	4	40
Bills for trenching	.	.	.	93	45
Davis & Farnum, iron boxes	.	.	.	46	94
J. C. Howes, labor and material	.	.	.	32	87
Summers & Hunt, fittings	.	.	.	35	00
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					371 96

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1881	.	.	.	\$175,829	43
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## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, 1880.

Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe	.	.	\$73	94
J. C. Howes, labor and material	.	.	48	00
Albon Parker, painting boat	.	.	6	35
Geo. B. Sargent, repairs on stamp	.	.	1	25
M. C. Warren, hard ware	.	.	11	01
Boston Machine Co., nuts and castings	.	.	3	45
John Larrabee, auditing books, &c.	.	.	10	00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.		\$154	00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$154 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing	. . .	29 50
Dalton & Ingersoll, fittings	. . .	8 75
Town of Malden, expense	. . .	15 00
Geo. W. Bartlett, horse hire	. . .	19 00
Peris P. Ellis, teaming	. . .	3 00
New England News Co.	. . .	4 95
Benj. Ames, labor at gate house	. . .	1 73
Bishop Brothers, ladder	. . .	1 88
David R. Woodward, labor on screens	. . .	12 61
S. L. Walton, distributing notices	. . .	3 25
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	. . .	2 35
M. F. Eastman, expressing	. . .	7 35
W. W. Boardman, use of team	. . .	9 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	. . .	12 97
S. E. Benson, cement and coal	. . .	25 75
S. P. Rowell, lounge for gate house	. . .	8 00
James Worthen, sundries	. . .	4 41
Morss & Whyte, wire screen	. . .	5 50
Joseph D. Wilde, services as commissioner		50 00
W. I. Ellis, " " "		50 00
Joseph R. Simonds, " " "		50 00
Addison Lane, " " superintendent		900 00
Bills for trenching and repairs	. . .	642 89
Addison Lane, expense	. . .	13 61
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		\$2,035 50

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1880.

April 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	. . .	\$1,500 00
July 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	. . .	3,000 00
Oct. 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	. . .	1,500 00

1881.

Jan. 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	. . .	3,000 00
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			9,000 00
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			\$11,035 50

## RECEIPTS.

Received from town for use of water .	\$2,000 00	
from town for maintenance .	1,500 00	
from Malden for care of gate- house, &c. . . .	344 89	
from Medford for $\frac{1}{3}$ expense on boat . . . .	4 68	
for water rates . . . .	9,863 14	
for stock sold . . . .	14 65	
for notice . . . .	20	
on pipe account . . . .	374 02	
	<hr/>	\$14,101 58

## CONTRA.

Interest account . . . .	\$9,000 00	
Expenses . . . . .	2,035 50	
	<hr/>	11,035 50

Surplus for the year . . . . . \$3,066 08

*Furniture, Stock, and Tools on Hand, Jan. 1, 1881.*

Office furniture . . . . .	\$175 00
Tools of all kinds . . . . .	250 00
Stock . . . . .	425 00
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	\$850 00

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

## MELROSE WATER COMMISSIONERS :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith present to you my Annual Report, showing briefly some of the work done, and the present condition of the Works.

## THE POND.

The arrangements entered into with the joint Water Boards in 1879, have been carried out the past year, the Superintendents of the three towns going over the pond once a week each, and a re-

port being made to the Secretary of the Joint Water Boards, once a month.

On account of the extreme drought which has prevailed throughout the country, the pond did not fill as it has in years past. The highest point reached was May 10th, when it was twelve inches below high water mark; so that the capacity of the pond has been severely taxed, having been drawn to a point lower than at any time since the introduction of water.

At the close of the last report, Dec. 31, 1879, the water was 45 inches below high-water mark, that being the lowest point reached during the year.

### RECORD.

#### *Rise and Fall of Pond in 1880.*

Jan.	10	.	.	.	Pond	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	inches	below	high-water	mark.
"	20	.	.	.	"	40	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	33	"	"	"	"
Feb.	10	.	.	.	"	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	24	"	"	"	"
"	28	.	.	.	"	21	"	"	"	"
Mar.	10	.	.	.	"	18	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
April	10	.	.	.	"	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	13	"	"	"	"
May	10	.	.	.	"	12	"	(The highest point.)		
"	20	.	.	.	"	13	"	below high-water mark.		
"	30	.	.	.	"	16	"	"	"	"
June	10	.	.	.	"	18	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	20	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
July	10	.	.	.	"	30	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	31	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
Aug.	10	.	.	.	"	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	37	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	39	"	"	"	"

Sept.	10	.	.	.	Pond 43 inches below high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	.	" 44 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 48 " " " "
Oct.	10	.	.	.	" 52 " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "
Nov.	10	.	.	.	" 56 " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 60 " " " "
Dec.	10	.	.	.	" 60 " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 62 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "

## RECORD.

The following record will show the height of the pond in 1874-5 as compared with 1880 :—

*Rise and Fall of Pond in 1874-5.*

1874.					
July	5	.	.	.	2 inches below high water mark.
"	15	.	.	.	4 " " " "
"	22	.	.	.	7 " " " "
"	29	.	.	.	10 " " " "
Aug.	14	.	.	.	12 " " " "
"	18	.	.	.	14 " " " "
Sept.	2	.	.	.	18 " " " "
"	9	.	.	.	23 " " " "
"	21	.	.	.	27 " " " "
"	26	.	.	.	29 " " " "
Oct.	1	.	.	.	30 " " " "
"	5	.	.	.	32 " " " "
"	14	.	.	.	34 " " " "
"	19	.	.	.	35 " " " "
Nov.	6	.	.	.	38 " " " "
Dec.	7	.	.	.	43 " " " "
1875.					
Jan.	2	.	.	.	46 " " " "
"	14	.	.	.	48 " " " "
"	27	.	.	.	51 " " " "
Feb.	9	.	.	.	53 " " " "
"	16	.	.	.	56 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "
"	19	.	.	.	58 " " " "
"	22	.	.	.	61 " " " "



## COMPARATIVE RECORD.

*Showing the lowest points below high water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.*

1874.

Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.

1875.

Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full June 23. Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.

1876.

Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full March 25.

1877.

Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full March 15.

1878.

Lowest point,  $27\frac{1}{2}$  inches, Nov. 13. Pond full Jan. 15. Pond full second time Dec. 14.

1879.

Lowest point, Dec. 30. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.

1880.

Lowest point Dec. 30. Highest point May 10, being then 12 inches below high water mark.

## GATE HOUSE.

As the water in the pond continued to lower, the leaves and grass collecting on the screens, thereby checking the flow of water, I have placed a new screen outside of the gate house, obviating that trouble.

The bank wall south of the gate house has been extended, the large stones taken out of the water at the edge of the pond, and the shore near the outlet much improved.

## STREET MAINS.

With the exception of 300 feet of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch iron pipe laid on Warren Street at the Highlands, the street mains have not been extended.

But two leaks have occurred since the last report. One, a joint in the 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue, and the other on a 4-inch branch near Wyoming Depot, caused by a pick-hole made by men laying drain-pipe.

This fact is conclusive evidence that the cement-and-iron pipe, if well cemented and carefully laid, is the best that can be used.

*Repairs made in 1880.*

Jan. 5.—Repaired service-pipe on Upham Street. Leak in lead connection.

Jan. 27.—Repaired 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue. Leak in joint.

March 8.—Repaired service-pipe on Main Street. Rust in corporation.

June 24.—Repaired service-pipe on Upham Street. Broken pipe, caused by a team driving over the stop-box.

July 27.—Repaired hydrant in Essex Street. Put in a new valve.

Sept. 13.—Repaired hydrant in Cedar Park. Put in a new valve.

Sept. 14.—Hydrant on Melrose Street leaking. Replaced with a new one.

Oct. 5.—Took an eel out of the service-pipe on Greenwood Street.

Oct. 28.—Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Berwick Street. Leak caused by a pick-hole.

## GATES AND GATE-BOXES.

The number of gates now in use is the same as reported last year, namely, 87.

Quite a number of the gate-boxes have been replaced with new ones, the old being badly decayed.

## HYDRANTS.

One new hydrant has been added the past season, located on Franklin Street.

Another, on Melrose Street, being out of order, has been replaced with a new one.

And one on Cedar Park has been repaired, by putting in a new valve.

All have been carefully examined, and put into good working order.

## DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Three of the five drinking fountains have had additional stops put in, so as to better regulate the flow of water.

## SERVICE-PIPES.

Sixteen new services have been put in during the past season. Whole number now in use, 835.

## PIPE LAID IN 1880.

$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch from main pipe to street-line . . . . .	323 feet
$\frac{3}{4}$ " inside of street-line . . . . .	617 "
$1\frac{1}{4}$ " on Warren street . . . . .	300 "
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Total in feet . . . . .	1,240

## STOCK AND TOOLS.

Estimated value of stock on hand . . . . .	\$425 00
Tools of all kinds . . . . .	250 00
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	\$675 00

I have also, with few exceptions, personally inspected all the premises where water is used, and have collected for water rates the sum of \$9,863.14, and from other sources \$738.44, all of which has been paid to the Town Treasurer.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers and the amount paid by each, together with the amounts received from other sources:—

Received from families . . .	\$8,055 14	
manufactories . . .	218 00	
use of hose . . .	780 00	
stables . . .	432 00	
greenhouses . . .	95 00	
ornamental fountains .	46 00	
halls . . .	64 00	
churches . . .	42 00	
depots . . .	12 00	
henneries . . .	6 00	
stores and shops . .	113 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,863 14
Received from town of Malden . .	344 89	
town of Medford . .	4 68	
stock sold . . .	14 65	
on pipe account . .	374 02	
notice . . .	20	
	<hr/>	738 44
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		\$10,601 58

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE, *Superintendent.*

MELROSE, Jan. 24, 1881.

At the request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have examined the Water Register for 1880, and find that the total amount charged for water rates during the year is \$9,863.14, all of which has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer by the Supt. Addison Lane.

There has also been paid to the Treasurer the sum of \$738.44, received on account of service-pipe laid, stock sold, etc., making a total of \$10,601.58.

JOHN LARRABEE,

*Town Clerk.*

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE  
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch
Eleventh - -			255				1
Third - - -		287				1	
Main - - -	3,784	478		9	2		
Green - - -	2,700			3	1		
Franklin - -	3,155 $\frac{1}{2}$	360		4	1		
Vinton - - -	3,497 $\frac{1}{2}$	436		6	2	1	
Trenton - - -	1,233	1,331 $\frac{1}{2}$		1	3	2	
Melrose - - -		2,339 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		1	
Ashland - - -		1,475		2		2	
Tremont - - -		3,180		2		4	
Greenwood - -			324				
Perkins - - -		236				1	
Baxter - - -		484		1		1	
Florence - - -		1,340 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		3	
Maple and Poplar -		2,265 $\frac{1}{2}$		2		3	
Emerson - - -		3,977		6		4	
Youle - - -		998 $\frac{1}{2}$	342	1		1	
Otis - - -			780				
Oakland - - -		1,161		1		1	
Linden Place - -			286				
Cedar Park - - -		1,206 $\frac{1}{2}$		2		2	
Laurel - - -			457				
Cottage - - -		1,142	193	2		2	
Hurd - - -		768				1	
Berwick - - -		1,226 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		2	
Herbert - - -		220	158 $\frac{1}{2}$				
Grove (West) - -		287 $\frac{1}{2}$		1			
Waverley Place -		690 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		1	
Foster - - -		1,470 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		3	
Myrtle and Lake Ave.		3,170		3		5	
Winthrop - - -		695 $\frac{1}{2}$				1	
Vine - - -		691				1	
Essex - - -		1,437		4		2	
Willow - - -			663				1
Short and Main -			470 $\frac{1}{2}$				
Reading Hill - -			723			1	1
Porter - - -		2,514 $\frac{1}{2}$		3		1	
School - - -			495				

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE  
PRESENT TIME—*Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch
Albion - - -		222		1		1	
Pleasant - - -			1125	1			1
Winter - - -		241				1	
Charles - - -		335		1			
Warren - - -		196		1		1	
Bellevue Avenue -		100					
Upham - - -		3,283		5		2	
Stevens Place -			216				
Lebanon - - -		2,750		2		1	
Grove - - -		1,366		1			
Walnut - - -		187½				1	
Lynde and Linwood		2,960		3		1	
Summer - - -		701		2		1	
Wyoming Ave. (East)		1,076				1	
Wyoming Ave. (West)				3			
Chestnut - - -		572					
Mt. Vernon - - -		394		1			
Auburn - - -		372				1	
Winthrop Place -		520		1		1	
Belmont - - -		376				1	
High - - -		376				1	
Prospect - - -		1,026		1		1	
Essex and Lake Ave.		1,082					
Avon - - -		422				1	
Elm - - -		1,057		1			
Howard - - -		272	550			1	1
Upham and Dell Ave.		3,488				2	
East - - -		534				1	
Washington - - -		760		2			
Irving - - -		387				1	
Emerson Place -			251				1
Seventh - - -			288				1
Wastes 27 x 24 -		51					
80 Plugs - - -		80					
Grove Street (East)	1,865	16		2	1		
Emerson Street (East)	743½	10			1		
Rowe Street -			422				1
Totals - - -	16,978½	61,081½	8107	85	11	68	8



## WATER RATES.

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### DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet . . . . .	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family . . . . .	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family . . . . .	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family . . . . .	4 00
Where a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water closet . . . . .	5 00
For each additional water-closet . . . . .	3 00
For hopper water closet . . . . .	8 00
For first bath-tub . . . . .	5 00
For each additional bath-tub . . . . .	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

### BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet . . . . .	\$10 00
For each additional faucet . . . . .	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders . . . . .	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

### STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose . . . . .	\$6 00 to 20 00
For each additional faucet . . . . .	2 50
For water-closet or urinal . . . . .	6 00

### STABLES.

For first horse . . . . .	\$5 00
For each additional horse . . . . .	3 00
For first cow . . . . .	2 00
For each additional cow . . . . .	1 00



## FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse . . . . .	\$5 00
For each additional horse . . . . .	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

## TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse . . . . .	\$5 00
For each additional horse . . . . .	2 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

## HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

## HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers . . . . .	\$3 00
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## BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel . . .	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath houses . . . . .	10 00

## STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power . . . . .	\$6 00
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## BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used . . . . .	\$0 05
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## ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch . . . . .	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch . . . . .	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch . . . . .	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

## MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot-pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk’s office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,	} <i>Water</i>
W. IRVING ELLIS,	
J. R. SIMONDS,	

*Commissioners.*

## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, Treasurer, in Account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund. Cr.

1878.	To cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1873 . . . cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1877 . . .	1878. Aug. 17.	By paid for United States registered $\pm 1.2$ per cent bonds,—Three of \$1000 each One of \$300		
Sept. 1, Dec. 1,		\$3,635 00			\$3,500 00
		98 16			170 62
1879.					50
Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1,	cash received as interest on bonds .	236 22	paid premium on above . . . paid for cash-book . . . cash on hand . . .		1,713 88
1880.					
Jan. 6,	cash received from J. D. Wilde .	33 34			
Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1,	cash received as interest on bonds .	157 48			
1881.					
Jan. 1, " 1,	interest on deposits . cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1879 . . .	20 91 1,203 89			
		\$5,385 00			\$5,385 00

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.  
Jan. 25, 1881.

GEO. NEWHALL, Treasurer, Water Loan Sinking Fund.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1880.

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## REPORT.

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The Trustees of the Public Library present their Tenth Annual Report.

The appropriation granted at the annual town meeting has been expended in the purchase of books, selected with much care, and we believe the additions contribute largely to the usefulness of the library as a part of our system of public education.

Some little progress has been made toward obtaining a collection of local histories. We believe that this department has been overlooked in many libraries, and that the advantage of such contributions of material for history will not only be apparent in the permanent value of the library, but will soon be realized in the demand for information obtainable from no other source.

It is desirable that the citizens of the town grant such aid as their private libraries afford to the enlargement of this collection.

We have been enabled, thanks to the kindness of H. N. Perkins, Esq., and Capt. J. R. Simonds, to complete the collection of Melrose Town Reports from the organization of the town to the present time. It has taken ten years to accomplish this result, our first report, issued in 1871, making urgent request for a donation of these old reports. The real value of these volumes will hardly be appreciated by many, yet it is undoubtedly a fact that in all our town a half dozen complete sets of reports cannot be found, nor can they be purchased with money.

Such collections of Town Reports as are in existence are in private families, and subject to loss by fire or loans to friends.

Among the donations just received, we mention, with pleasure, complete files of the *Melrose Journal* and *Melrose Record*, from the first issue of these papers until recent date, the gift of Major W. Irving Ellis.

These papers will soon return from the bindery in convenient shape for examination by those in search either of local items or statistics of the growth and progress of the town.

Early in the year, a bulletin of the additions to the library for the previous year was printed, and freely distributed.

Another bulletin of the later additions will soon be issued, and we invite comment and criticism upon the character of the books added to our shelves. Such criticism as reaches us oftentimes comes from those who confess that they know nothing about the library, and are really unaware what purchases have been made. We frequently find that we have on our shelves the very books which our critics think ought to be there.

The usefulness of the library has been further increased by the thorough ventilation of the room, the work being done by Mr. Charles Taylor. The improvement meets with the cordial approbation of all frequenters of the library.

It has been found necessary to add another line of shelves for the reception of books, and also one especially arranged for books of reference, files of newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, etc., that they may be the more accessible to the public, and at the same time have the space required by their unusual size and form.

The increase of the library will necessitate further changes during the coming year.

We annex the statistics for the year, and take this opportunity to thank our donors for their contributions. May their tribe increase.

#### DONATIONS. — *Books.*

##### DONORS.

History of Princeton, from 1739 to 1852.	1 vol.	J. L. Hanaford.
The Scientific American.	6 vols. . . . .	W. L. Williams.
The Cottage Hearth.	2 vols. . . . .	W. L. Williams.
The Bicknells.	1 vol. . . . .	Alfred Bicknell.
Annual Reports of Town of Melrose.	3 vols. {	H. N. Perkins.
		J. R. Simonds.
Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.	1 vol. .	The Franklin Fraternity.

#### *Papers.*

The Literary World	. . . . .	Daniel Jefferson.
The National Temperance Advocate.		
The Melrose Journal and Melrose Record . . . }	Complete files .	W. Irving Ellis.

*Pamphlets.*

Boston Public Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Chicago " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Lancaster " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Malden " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Newton " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Woburn " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Worcester " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Wakefield " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Manchester (N. H.) Public Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Watertown " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Town Reports of Malden	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Currency	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
" " " Commissioner of Patents	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
The Tuftonian	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Local Government, at Home and Abroad, R. B. Porter.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
President's Annual Report, Tufts College.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
A few poems. C. D. Bradlee	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
The First Half-Century of the Baptist Church in Billerica.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. Clifton Fletcher	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

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Number of pamphlets now in the library, 485.

## STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	4,108
Number of volumes purchased this year	.	.	.	357
Number of volumes donated this year	.	.	.	17
			—	374
Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1881	.	.	.	4,482
Number of persons using the library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	2,725
Number of cards issued this year	.	.	.	251
Number of cards relinquished	.	.	.	13
			—	238
Number of persons using the library Jan. 1, 1881	.	.	.	2,963
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	.	456
Smallest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	.	51
Average number of volumes issued on Mondays	.	.	.	96
Average number of volumes issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays	.	.	.	243
Whole number of volumes issued in March	.	.	.	3,167
" " " June	.	.	.	2,223
" " " September	.	.	.	2,140
" " " December	.	.	.	2,183
" " " this year	.	.	.	29,764



Six hundred and thirty-two books have been rebound, and eighty-nine books have been replaced, new for old.

The circulation of the library is less than last year, though it still largely exceeds that of any town library in Massachusetts comparing with Melrose either in the number of volumes or the population of the town.

The library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings and Monday evenings.

The Malden Library of 6,112 volumes has a circulation of 45,702. The Melrose Library of 4,482 volumes has a circulation of 29,764.

The population of Malden as compared with Melrose is as three to one.

It may also be remarked that Malden generously opens the library every evening in the week, and also furnishes and keeps open a reading-room for the use of all alike.

Some of the citizens have spoken to your Trustees of the evident need of a reading-room in Melrose. That the matter has not been lost sight of may readily be ascertained by inspecting the ten reports of the library now before you.

The room adjoining the library is at the disposal of the town, and there are enough generous-hearted citizens to supply the literature needed, without calling upon the treasury for much more than the services of an assistant librarian and the expenses incident to the furnishing of the room.

The Record of the Reading Room at Malden is now in print and we commend it to your notice ; information can readily be obtained in regard to its value to the public as an adjunct of the library.

The Librarian and assistants have attended to the duties assigned them in a manner satisfactory to the Trustees.

Some annoyance has been caused these officers from the fact that cards have been used by persons not entitled to use them, and it has sometimes been found impossible to trace the books thus circulating through the town. There are some also who cause unnecessary trouble to the Librarian by returning books the day of their issue.

As ten years have now elapsed since the founding of the library, and as many cards must be out of actual use that are now outstanding, it is deemed best to call in all cards and issue new ones to those who wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the library.

The formation of reading clubs, Chatauqua Literary Circles and other kindred societies, promises to be of great advantage to the general public in introducing courses of study among those who are of age to appreciate, and of habits of thinking, to select, books of solid literary merit.

That the public library will be in more constant use and thus enlarge its sphere of beneficent work is a reasonable anticipation.

It is the purpose of your trustees to aid all such students by spreading before them various courses of reading, lists of authorities on subjects under public consideration, by encouraging special investigations and affording the means for pursuing favorite studies at home after leaving school.

In many towns the public library and the higher grades of schools work in unison, and the scholars are led to select books for home reading with much discrimination.

We bespeak the cooperation of parents and teachers in this effort to enlarge the usefulness of the library and make its distinctive work upon the minds and hearts of the people of Melrose a lasting memorial of the wisdom of educating the common people.

The Trustees request an appropriation of five hundred dollars and the dog tax.

In behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY, *Secretary*.

FREDERICK KIDDER,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,		
A. A. NICHOLS,		
HANNAH LYNDE,		
CHARLES C. BARRY,		



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1880.

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WAKEFIELD:  
CITIZEN & BANNER PRESS.  
1881.

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—1880-1881.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, *Chairman.*

MISS P. A. NORRIS, }  
LOUIS E. ROBSON } *Secretaries.*

JULIUS S. CLARK.

MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT.

MARIETTA M. W. SEAVER.

MRS. S. W. BRADBURY.\*

\*Elected Nov. 1, 1880, Miss Norris resigning.

Amount of Salaries, . . . . \$325.

TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	ELECTIONS.	SALARIES.
High.....	A. G. Whitman.....	November, 1874...	\$1,600
High.....	Emma A. J. Bugbee...	November, 1874...	800
High.....	Annette Clark.....	August, 1880.....	500
First Grammar.....	Harriet C. Fairbanks..	November, 1880...	750
First Grammar.....	Mary I. Vinton.....	March, 1880.....	490
Sec. Grammar, Emerson St.	Lucy W. Bisbee.....	May, 1867.....	550
Sec. Grammar, Centre St....	Julia M. Porter.....	May, 1868.....	550
Third Grammar, Emerson St.	Susan D. Melcher.....	May, 1873.....	550
Third Grammar, Centre St...	Emma M. Cate.....	October, 1869.....	550
Intermediate, Centre St....	Chastine Emerson.....	May, 1864.....	450
Intermediate, Vinton St....	Alice H. Long.....	September, 1877...	450
Intermediate, Lynde St....	K. W. Bascom.....	September, 1878...	450
Upper School, Green St....	Lydia Mendum.....	November, 1874...	500
Lower School, Green St....	Clara J. Nichols.....	September, 1878...	450
Highlands (mixed).....	M. A. Whitney.....	September, 1878...	450
Upham Street (mixed).....	Mary A. George.....	May, 1880.....	450
Primary, Lynde Street.....	M. M. Gilman.....	May, 1863.....	450
Primary, Vinton Street.....	Hannah F. Lewis.....	March, 1876.....	450
Primary, Centre Street.....	Grace O. Barker.....	August, 1880.....	450
Music Teacher.....	C. E. Whiting.....	September, 1879...	275
			\$11,075

## JANITORS.

High School Building, Augustus Durant,	. . . .	\$275
Centre Schools, Truman Howard	. . . .	175
Green Street School, Joseph Simonds,	. . . .	100
Lynde Street School, Wm. F. Serrat	. . . .	100
Vinton Street School, Benjamin Stones,	. . . .	100
Highland School, John Singer,	. . . .	50
Upham Street School, Eri Upham,	. . . .	50

\$850

## TRUANT OFFICERS.

Horace Cushman. Samuel L. Walton.

## REPORT.

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It becomes the duty of the School Board to present to the citizens of Melrose the official report of another school year.

### COMMITTEE.

For the first two months of the year we had the valuable services of Royal P. Barry and Moses S. Page. Thoroughly interested and experienced in the educational work of the town their retirement from office was deeply regretted. At the annual meeting in March, Clifton Fletcher, Julius S. Clark, Louis E. Robson and Mrs. Marietta M. W. Seaver were elected to fill vacant positions in the Board. About the first of November Miss Phœbe A. Norris, who had served the town with rare fidelity for nearly eight years, sent in her resignation. A few weeks later at a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee, Mrs. S. W. Bradbury was elected to serve till the March meeting.

### SCHOOL FUND.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance of \$2,400 in the treasury. This was owing to the lapping over of the old fiscal year into the new fiscal year of two months. At the annual town meeting there was appropriated \$11,000 to cover the expenses of the ten remaining months. There was, therefore, the sum of 13,400, aside from the state aid, to defray the entire expenses of the year. Out of this sum has been paid the salaries of the teachers, the janitors, the school committee, and the cost of heating the school buildings. The expenditure has been kept within the appropriation and a balance left in the treasury.



The contingent fund voted by the town was \$1,700 in addition to any unexpended amount of the previous year.

#### EXPENDITURES.

The school property of the town consists of seven school buildings, with stoves, furnaces, double windows, school-room furniture, yards, and fences. To keep this property in commendable order requires an annual draft, greater or smaller, from the contingent fund.

#### HIGH-SCHOOL BUILDING.

Some repairs were found imperative, to prevent bad leakage; to mend the place where plastering had fallen down; to re-slate most of the blackboards; and to re-paint the outside doors and upright work that had become badly worn and defaced. Another expenditure was demanded on the principle of "preventing cruelty to children." Bitter complaint had frequently been made, on the part of teachers and pupils, of suffering from coldness in the First Grammar School rooms which are situated in the attic part of the building. Humanity demanded that something should be done. It would seem to border on real wickedness to compel sixty or seventy pupils to sit, day after day, in a chilly or frozen atmosphere. To remedy this evil a large, upright stove has been so placed as to throw its heat, in addition to the small amount that comes from the basement furnace, into both school-rooms. This will necessitate the expense of additional fuel. The extra cost, however, will be more than saved in the prevention of colds, drugs, and medical bills.

#### LYNDE-STREET BUILDING.

For some years the School Board had been frequently reminded of bad odor in the upper room of this building. Efforts, at different times, to ascertain the cause, had proved failures. The liability of fatal disease breaking out among



the children, from breathing the noxious air, continued. But the sub-committee determined, during the past summer, to discover the cause or pull down the building. Good workmen were employed, and in less than two days the mystery was solved. The small store-building in the rear had settled away, drawing off the boarding from the main building, leaving an opening, an inch wide or more, under the length of the small roof, through which the current of foul air from the cesspool found ready ingress to the upper apartment. The remedy involved a thorough righting-up, new underpinning, and the construction of a new vault. In addition to this, both the upper and lower rooms, beside the inner doors and entry-ways, were nicely grained. The greater portion of the desks, being very black and worn, were sand-papered, re-stained and varnished. Then, as the plastering on the ceiling of the lower room had partly fallen off and portions of the rest were hanging loose, it was decided to have thorough work. New laths and plastering were applied to the entire ceiling. The whole building is now in good condition, and a credit to the town.

#### CENTRE-SCHOOL BUILDING.

The principal outlay here was building a strong, substantial fence, enclosing the entire school ground lying in the rear. This ample yard is needed for the benefit and protection of the primary-school children during the summer terms. Separated from the impetuous sports and rude assaults of the one hundred and twenty or more larger children, they can here enjoy free exercise, comparatively safe and unharmed. There were some minor improvements, which we need not occupy time or space to specify.

#### UPHAM-STREET SCHOOL.

A somewhat expensive, but a thoroughly good work has put these premises in excellent condition. The outside

painting of the building; the graining of the entire interior, including doors and entry-ways; the renovating of the worn and begrimed desks; the thorough painting of the extensive yard fences, so long neglected and weather-beaten, involved rather a large amount of labor and material. But under suitable care the premises will now require little expense to continue in fine condition for years to come.

#### OTHER BUILDINGS.

A concrete walk has been laid for the benefit of the Vinton-street School; additional desks and seats have been placed in several recitation rooms, and a few book-racks for the convenience of teachers. Most of the blackboards have been re-slatted, and a portion of those in the primary schools lined in spaces suitable for script writing.

#### INCREASE OF SALARIES.

Soon after the organization of the new Board, there came urgent demands for increase of salaries. These demands were partly prompted by what was said in the last Annual Report, and partly by the return of more prosperous times. The Principal of the High School had been elected some years ago on a salary of \$2,000. Hard times supervening, it was cut down to \$1,800, and a year or two later to \$1,500. This the Principal bore with commendable grace, under the assurance that when better times returned better pay should return. This assurance had not been forgotten, though the ones giving it had passed out of office. The question finally came to this: Shall the salary be slightly increased or shall the Principal go? Shall he go under a sense of wrong and injustice? The right thing, we believe, was done. One hundred dollars were added to the salary. Contentment and good work was the result. A very small addition was made to the pay of a few other teachers, where justice and equality seemed to demand it. The Board believe that good and faithful work should be fairly compensated.

By referring to the table on the second page of this report, it will be seen that, out of the roll of twenty teachers, nine receive a salary of only \$450 each. Deducting \$200 for forty weeks' board and washing, leaves only \$250 for all other expenses. There can be, therefore, but a small margin, if any, for filling the blank leaves of a savings-bank book, which every teacher should have. They must grow old and wear out just as fast, at least, as other people. After saying this, the Chairman may add that he perceives no reason now for any material increase of salaries the coming year.

Should it be necessary, as it seems almost certain, to open a new school, that would involve the expense of an additional teacher.

#### NEED OF MORE SCHOOL ROOM.

With the return of "better times" our town is gradually filling up with young and thrifty families. While rejoicing in this inflow of new population, it brings with it a pressing demand for more school room. The primary department is already overflowing. It seems pretty certain that another school of this grade must be opened near the Centre in early spring or summer. Where is a place for it? The lower grammar and intermediate schools are also crowded. More accommodation will soon be imperative.

There is another serious consideration to which the Chairman would invite the especial attention of the citizens of Melrose. The rooms occupied by the First Grammar School are entirely unfitted for school work. They are situated directly under the roof of the High School Building. In winter they are very cold, and in summer very hot. In warm days, in spite of careful ventilation, the air is oppressive and unwholesome, and children have occasionally fainted. But the worst evil of all is an evil that cannot be remedied. Owing to the peculiar construction of the building the light is extremely defective. The Luthern windows in the French

roof, necessitating deep recesses, admit only a feeble and refracted light, which proves injurious to many eyes. There has been a constant complaint of this evil. Whether any sight has been permanently impaired we do not know. This, however, *is* true, that on many dark afternoons of the short days, scholars have not been able to pursue their studies to advantage after three o'clock. Then again, it is a very wearisome climb, passing up so many flights of stairs to reach these rooms. And this toilsome climb must be performed, often in a hurried manner, three or four times a day, by sixty or seventy pupils at a critical period of life.

Now, shall we carefully inculcate the laws of health and continue to subject the growing children to such perilous treatment? Can we afford it? Is health or money best worth saving?

#### WHAT SHALL BE DONE?

Without imperative necessity the town would not be justified in the erection of another school building. It is certain, however, that more *room must* be provided. It has occurred to the School Board that possibly the best and cheapest way to meet the emergency, would be a partial remodeling and enlarging of the High School Building. The large space occupied by the centre stairways (which are not needed) and a suitable projection of architectural finish, would make two or three beautiful school-rooms on the sunny side of the building, easy of access. This would not be a very expensive matter, as no money would be required for payment of land. Neither would it be necessary to disturb the other school rooms. This by way of suggestion.

#### FINANCIAL ITEMS.

A small sum from the contingent fund has been expended in making some necessary repairs and additions to the electrical and chemical apparatus of the High School. Good work can only be accomplished by having good tools placed

in skilful hands. We are glad to acknowledge, in behalf of the same school, the liberal gift of \$50 from Mrs. G. N. Bordman. This gift was in return for assistance cheerfully rendered by some of the pupils in a musical entertainment at the Town Hall, during the winter. By the suggestion of the Principal, the money was expended in the purchase of a valuable set of Johnson's Encyclopædia. These volumes will be of great value to the school for many years to come. We may add that thanks are also due to Mr. Moses S. Page for a beautiful clock, placed in the Vinton-street Upper School, in remembrance of the death of his son, little "Frankie."

#### APPROPRIATIONS FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

There will be required, to maintain the schools on their present schedule of expenses, the same amount as was in the Committee's hands the past year. This will necessitate an appropriation of \$12,500. The demands from the contingent fund are always various and uncertain. The Centre-school building must be thoroughly painted, and perhaps concrete walks laid, and a front-yard fence erected. The Highland-school building and fences must also be painted. Something ought to be done for the barren and undivided grounds of the High-school premises. As suggested elsewhere, it is probable that a place for another primary school will have to be provided, fitted up, and furnished. There will be the usual demand for school supplies. The appropriation need not be greater than that of last year.

#### TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.

##### MUSIC.

This part of the school work has continued during the year under the instruction and supervision of Mr. C. E. Whiting, of Boston. His services have been prompt and faithful, and have given general satisfaction. We believe no part of the school funds yields a richer return than the small



amount expended in teaching the principles of music. The practice is wonderfully adapted to cheer and interest all grades of pupils, and at the same time gives them a source of sweet enjoyment to last through future life.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Centre, the Lynde-street, and the Vinton-street are very large, comprising more than one hundred and fifty pupils under eight years of age. The teachers, in the order named, are Miss Barker, Miss Gilman, and Miss Lewis. Differing a little in personal qualities, they have been faithful workers, and are each deserving of praise.

The Centre Primary has been unfortunate in having a change of teachers twice during the year. The resignation of Miss Howland was accepted at the close of the spring term. Miss Temple, from Marlboro', taught the summer term, and was exceedingly liked. Preferring to teach at home, she resigned during the long vacation, and Miss Grace O. Barker, a teacher from the same town, we think equally good, was secured to fill the same position.

#### MIXED SCHOOLS.

Three of these are partly Primary and partly Intermediate. They are the Highlands, the Green-street and the Upham-street schools. The first and last are the smallest in number of any in town. The former has been favored with the continued services of Miss M. A. Whitney, of whom it is sufficient to say, she has retained the favor and confidence of the Committee. Also, nothing but good words can be said of Miss Nichols, and her school-work. At the Upham-street, there has been a change of teachers. Near the close of the Winter, Mrs. Batchelder's resignation was received and accepted. Miss Hattie Lane, who had graduated with honor at the Salem Normal School, was elected to fill the position. After an earnest effort of three weeks her health utterly failed, and she was obliged to

give up her long anticipated work. A careful search on the part of the Committee, resulted in securing the services of Miss Mary A. George of Greenwood ;—a teacher of large experience and of excellent recommendations. It was, we believe, a fortunate choice. Both teaching and discipline are now thoroughly good. We only regret that so excellent a school has not a larger number of pupils. Miss Mendum has continued to perform an earnest, faithful work in the Greenstreet upper department. Laboring under the disadvantage of having rather too many pupils, and these of two different grades, she has with wonderful courage pursued her daily task with untiring zeal and devotion.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

These are three in number and are very largely attended. More room in the near future will be needed. Forty pupils of this grade are quite enough for one teacher, however excellent she may be. More than this number will cause the work to be thinner and poorer. We are personally glad that the same teachers remain. The school-rooms of Miss Emerson, Miss Long and Mrs. Bascom have continued to be very bright and sunny places. The valuable hints and ideas presented by Col. Parker's "talks" a year ago, have not been forgotten.

#### THE SECOND AND THIRD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The teachers, Miss Bisbee, Miss Porter, Miss Cate, and Miss Melcher are among our excellent "stand bys." Maintaining strict discipline without undue severity ; presenting clear ideas and thorough methods of work, it is always a treat to visit their schools.

#### FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At the earliest meeting of the new Board, after due deliberation it was voted to continue Miss Southwick, as Principal. It was felt that no stranger could step in, not even a compe-



tent master, and do the work so well for those who had been thus far in the school year under her training. We believe it was a wise decision. The discipline of the school, as well as the teaching, continued to be vigorous and thorough. Meantime the matter of employing a male teacher at the beginning of the Fall term was under constant advisement. Finally, the necessity of paying a much higher salary, with no certainty of securing any better work, or even so good, decided the Committee to waive the matter indefinitely.

The First Grammar Schools of Malden, Lynn, Wakefield, and other large towns, employ lady principals. Near the end of November, Miss Southwick resigned her work to enter into new relations in life. True to her convictions and conscientious in her methods of teaching and discipline, she rightly received and retained, the esteem of the entire Board. A new Principal, possessing superior ability, experience and culture, was immediately sought. After some painstaking and some disappointments, Miss Harriet Fairbanks of Natick was duly engaged. We trust she will prove as eminently successful in this new position as her high recommendations would seem to warrant. At the beginning of the Spring term, Mary I. Vinton, a young lady of Melrose and a graduate of the Salem Normal School, was elected assistant teacher. Commencing with no previous experience, she has exhibited an earnest fidelity and a marked improvement. She took the place so nobly filled by Miss Nye, who had been enticed away by the offer of a larger salary.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

While the discipline has been mild and beneficent, it has, at the same time, been suitably strong and wholesome. The moral tone has been good. The example of a courteous spirit on the part of the teacher has been duly reciprocated. Things have run smoothly. The tone of the teaching has been in the direction of solidity. Pupils have been taught to *think* as well as to memorize. The six years of consecu-

tive teaching of the Principal in the same school, has, we believe, increased his efficiency. Mr. Whitman is more than a technical teacher. By his studious habits his knowledge is ever widening, and is much broader than that of the mere text books. Miss Bugbee, the first assistant, continues to fill her position eminently well. Classical teaching is her especial *forte*. She can do other things well, but this is her delight.

During the Summer vacation Miss Henshaw, who held the place of second assistant, sent in her resignation. It was another instance of being enticed away by the allurements of larger pay. By her refined and pleasing manners she had won the esteem of many. Fortunately several applicants of especial merit were ready to fill the vacant position. The Committee made choice of Miss Annette Clark of Lawrence, a teacher of tried ability, and an ardent lover of educational work. We are abundantly satisfied with our selection. Possibly we labor under a pleasant delusion, but we believe the High School never had better instruction.

#### GRADUATING EXERCISES.

These were held on the evening of June 25th, in the Town Hall, which was completely filled by citizens and friends. Owing to the extreme heat, and perhaps a little to the rather lengthy essays, the real merits were not, we fear, quite appreciated. We are glad to place on record a brief description from the genial pen of the local correspondent of the Boston *Daily Journal*:

"The stage was prettily decorated with flowers, and pendant from the arch was a floral horse-shoe with the figures '80."

The programme opened with the High School March, and was followed by essays, declamations and music, filling 21 numbers. The Latin salutatory by Miss Florence M. Ellis, and valedictory by Miss A. Josephine Vinton, were well written and delivered. The French essay, by Miss Mary Alice Goss was also worthy of commendation; the class prophecy by Miss Isabella Paul witty and lively, and "The Ride of Jennie McNeal" most finely rendered by Miss Emma A. Weeks. The essay, "Aim in Education," by Miss Minnie L. Woodman, was most excellent. All the pieces were well pronounced, and showed signs of thought, study and discipline."

## WHAT IS THE REMEDY.

The frequent changes in the School Board is a matter to be regretted. Persons best qualified to serve with efficiency soon weary with the perplexing duties. This is not surprising. The unlimited wants and complaints that constantly arise; the perpetual care and supervision that are imperative; the unceasing taxing of time and patience; the sharp, and unjust criticisms that occasionally appear in public prints; the daily interference with personal employments and duties; to say nothing of the meager remuneration, naturally results in frequent changes. What shall be done? How shall the evil be remedied? Shall the whole work and responsibility be given to a wise and judicious Superintendent? Is the town ready to take this new departure in its educational work? It would certainly meet the hearty approval of every member of the present School Board.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

There has been no material change in school books. Frequent changes are unwise. New publications and new editions should be cautiously introduced. Books with slight variations are getting too numerous. They are often made with no better reason than to enrich the publishers. Old standards are in many instances better. It may here be mentioned, there has been a careful revision of the School Regulations. They will be found printed, as usual, at the close of the Report. We hope they will be carefully read. Mr. Cushman, one of the truant officers, has rendered some excellent service during the year. Several idle and malicious boys have been sharply looked after and brought into school. It must be understood by all that truancy will not be allowed, and that the law of the State will be strictly enforced.

Hoping our public schools will continue to maintain an honorable standing, and that the town will continue to guard and foster them with a liberal policy, we respectfully submit this Report.

In behalf of the Committee,

CLIFTON FLETCHER.

## HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES.

## CLASS OF 1880.

ABBIE M. BENIS.	FLORENCE A. STILPHEN.
FLORENCE M. ELLIS.	*A. JOSEPHINE VINTON.
*H. AGNES FOSTER.	EMMA A. WEEKS.
*MARY ALICE GOSS.	MINNIE L. WOODMAN.
*HELEN M. LEAVITT.	*HENRY A. BOARDMAN.
*ANNIE P. LONG.	JOSEPH R. GIBBONS.
MARY LYNDE.	†ALBERT H. HAYWARD.
*ISABELLA PAUL.	†HENRY J. HERSEY.
*FRANCES L. SNOW.	†MARK S. W. JEFFERSON.
*English Course.	†College Course.
	Not marked, Classical Course.

## FIRST GRAMMAR-SCHOOL GRADUATES.

## CLASS OF 1880.

LILLIE A. ATWOOD.	JULIA C. MCINTYRE.
OLIVER J. BOURNE.	MARY H. NORTON.
ALFRED H. BURLIN.	LOUISE H. ORCUTT.
EDWIN L. CRAGIN.	SARAH A. PERRINS.
CHARLES R. COBURN.	LIZZIE W. PRENTICE.
GEORGE W. DOWLING.	FRANK H. REED.
LORING DEAN.	GRACE E. RICHARDS.
NELLIE C. DEMPSEY.	WALTER C. STEVENS.
LORIETTA I. DAVIS.	MARY E. SHERBURNE.
MAYBELLE N. DRAYTON.	SUSIE M. STANTIAL.
OLIVE A. ELLIS.	FRED C. SHEPARD.
WILLIAM S. EDMONDS.	MARY G. SARGENT.
ADELAIDE FRENTZ.	MEGGIE C. STETSON.
MARY E. HAWKINS.	INEZ E. WORTHEN.
HELEN G. HARRIS.	DAVID M. WILKINSON.
JENNIE C. HARRIS.	ETHEL H. TWITCHELL.
DANIEL J. HURLEY.	EDWARD B. WALTER.
G. LILLIAN JONES.	EDITH L. WILDE.
ETTA P. MERRILL.	ARTHUR H. WHITTEMORE.

TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1881

SCHOOLS.	Maximum No. from January 1 to July 1.		Average attendance during same time.		Maximum No. from September 1 to January 1, '81		Average attendance during same time.		Number of Pupils Jan. 1, '81	Per cent. of attendance for the year.	Average Age January 1, 1881.	
	Years	Mos.									Years	Mos.
HIGH, First Class . . . .	19	17.8	11	9.1	9	98.2	18	7				
Second Class . . . . .	11	8.7	11	10.9	11	98.8	15	10				
Third Class . . . . .	22	18.4	26	24.7	25	98.2	15	10				
Fourth Class . . . . .	42	34.8	40	39.1	40	96.5	15	7				
Totals . . . . .	94	79.3	88	83.6	85	97.9	16	5				
First Grammar . . . . .	62	58.7	64	60.4	61	96.1	14	8				
Second Gram., Emerson St.	41	37.5	48	44.9	47	96.1	13	2				
Second Grammar, Centre	38	34.4	49	45.9	49	95.4	13	5				
Third Gram., Emerson St.	53	45.	50	45.	50	92.4	12					
Third Grammar, Centre .	49	46.	49	42.2	44	94.	11	8				
Intermediate, Centre . .	49	43.	46	40.	45	95. †	10	7				
Intermediate, Vinton St.	46	40.	42	38.	42	94. †	10	9				
Intermediate, Lynde St. .	41	35.2	46	37.8	41	95.	10					
Green St. (upper school).	39	35.	44	39.8	41	94.	10	9				
Green St. (lower school).	43	31.4	43	38.1	37	92.4	7	7				
Highlands (mixed) . . .	42	35.	38	32.5	36	91.5	7	4				
Upham St. (mixed) . . .	36	26.	27	22.5	27	76.9	8	6				
Primary, Centre . . . . .	48	39.23	61	50.18	56	93. †	7	1				
Primary, Lynde St. . . .	60	45.	63	49.	55	92.	7	7				
Primary, Vinton St. . . .	62	53.6	55	52.1	58	95.	7	4				
Total . . . . .	803	684.33	813	721.98	774	93.						



## SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

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I. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, begin on the first Monday in September.

II. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted : Every Saturday ; Thanksgiving Day and the remainder of the week ; Christmas week ; one week, beginning the third Monday in February ; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April ; the weeks between the close of summer term and the beginning of the school year ; all legal holidays.

III. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8.30 o'clock A. M., and close at 1.30 o'clock P. M., from December to May ; and for the rest of the year it shall begin at 8 o'clock A. M., and close at 10 o'clock P. M. There shall be two recesses, — one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A. M. until 12 o'clock M., with a recess of twenty minutes ; and from 2 P. M. until 4 P. M., with a recess of ten minutes in Primary and Intermediate Schools. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee.

IV. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit forenoon or afternoon sessions, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before 8 A. M. or a quarter before 12 A. M.

V. Teachers shall be in their schoolrooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

VI. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

VII. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruction, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one half-day each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools.

VIII. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

IX. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session.

X. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority, informing the parent or guardian and the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

XI. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."\* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

XII. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

XIII. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their schoolrooms.

XIV. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any

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\* Revised Statutes.



school buildings, furniture, or grounds; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town.

XV. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

XVI. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satisfactory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been vaccinated; and no pupil will be admitted to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

XVII. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the Town Assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to town agent must have the name of parent or guardian. Books furnished indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

XVIII. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

XIX. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee; who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

XX. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring schoolhouses, school furniture, outbuildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

XXI. Pupils are not allowed in school-yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays ; are not allowed in other school-yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school-yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

XXII. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools without the consent of the Committee.

XXIII. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

XXIV. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep and dust each schoolroom and entry twice every week ; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November ; clean and wash all outbuildings as often as necessary ; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter ; close gates when schools are not in session ; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property ; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practice rigid economy in its use ; and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school buildings, furniture, or grounds ; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town, unless authorized by the Committee.

WARRANT

FOR

TOWN MEETING,

MARCH 7, 1881.

# WARRANT.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in  
the County of Middlesex: GREETING.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of MELROSE, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1881, at 12.30 o'clock, P. M., then and there to act on the following Articles viz. :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, or for Road Commissioners, (as the Town may decide), one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, Auditors and Constables. Also, on a separate ballot, to bring in their votes for two members of the School Committee for three years.
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To raise money for Schools.
6. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
7. To raise money for Highways.
8. To raise money for Sidewalks.
9. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
10. To raise money for the Fire Department.
11. To raise money for lighting and Care of Street Lamps.
12. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.
13. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.
14. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
15. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
16. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
17. To raise money for the Public Library.
18. To raise money for Water maintenance and use of same.
19. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all Officers and Committees elected or appointed by the Town.
20. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.

21. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

22. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

23. To see if the Town will raise money for the purpose of widening and grading Franklin Street.

24. To see if the Town will raise money for the purpose of purchasing a new Hearse or to make repairs upon the one now in use.

25. To see if the Town will reimburse all such citizen tax-payers as made and paid for concrete sidewalks previous to the adoption by the Town of the law allowing one half of the cost to abutters, to be reimbursed in a just and equitable manner under the supervision of the Selectmen, after investigation by them, on petition of H. A. Norris.

26. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to view and lay out street now known as Waverly Place, on petition of Richard Whowell and others.

27. To see if the Town will authorize the publishing of all warrants for town meetings in the Melrose Journal.

28. To see if the Town will authorize the assessors to procure from the South District Registry of Deeds an annual list of conveyances of real estate in Melrose, as an aid to the legal and accurate assessment of taxes.

29. To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold Town Offices and to vote in Town affairs on the same terms as male citizens, on petition of John G. Adams and others.

30. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, and at the Depots, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.,	} Selectmen of Melrose.
HENRY G. FIELDS,	
JOSEPH F. BOYD,	

A true Copy. Attest,

A. B. PIERCE, Constable.

